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Public Companies.

THE NOTTINGHAM and NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BANKING COMPANY (Limited) and its Branches will RECEIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS for the undermentioned PREFERENCE SHARE CAPITAL.

THE LIST of APPLICATIONS OPENED on SATURDAY, the 7th day of February, 1891, and CLOSE on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of February, 1891.

GOODWIN BROTHERS (LIMITED).—Incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890.

SHARE CAPITAL—

3,500 Preference Shares of £10 each £35,000
(These Shares will be entitled to priority over the Ordinary Shares of the Company for capital and for a cumulative dividend at 6 per cent.)
1,500 Ordinary Shares of £10 each £15,000
(The whole of these Shares will be taken by the Vendors in part payment of the purchase money.)
£50,000

DIRECTORS.

John Goodwin, Newark-upon-Trent, Notts., Brewer.
William Valters Summers Gradwell Goodwin, Newark-upon-Trent, Notts., Brewer.
Fleming Gradwell Goodwin, Newark-upon-Trent, Notts., Brewer.
Stephen Weston Turpin, Wheeler-gate, Nottingham, Estate Agent.
Arthur Johnson, West Bridgford, Notts., Brewers' Agent.

BANKERS.
The Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Banking Company (Limited).

SOLICITOR.
William Clifton, St. Peter's Chambers, Nottingham.

AUDITOR.
Charles Rogers, Chartered Accountant, Nottingham.

OFFICES.
Balderton Gate, Newark-upon-Trent, Notts.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are INVITED for the WHOLE of the PREFERENCE SHARES in the CAPITAL of the COMPANY at par, the amount to be payable as follows:—£2 10s per share on application, £2 10s per share on allotment, and £5 per share on the 25th day of March, 1891.

GOODWIN BROTHERS (Limited).

PROSPECTUS.

This Company has been formed to acquire and take over the Brewery business of Messrs Goodwin, carried on at Balderton Gate, Newark-upon-Trent, in the county of Nottingham.

The business was established in 1882, and it has been steadily increasing from year to year, as appears by the following account of the beer brewed and the duty paid for the last eight years.

Year.	Barrels brewed.	Duty paid.
1883	3,981	£1,244 1 3
1884	5,524	1,851 7 4
1885	6,863	2,144 16 5
1886	8,242	2,584 15 0
1887	8,779	2,743 10 5
1888	9,020	2,818 16 3
1889	9,913	3,097 17 6
1890	12,273	3,835 7 6

The increasing magnitude of the business has induced the owners to convert it into a joint stock company, and thus secure the many advantages which result from the possession of co-operate privileges.

The Company acquires, free from all incumbrances, the valuable and extensive Brewery, situate at Balderton Gate, Newark-upon-Trent, with boiler houses, cask-houses, stables, yards, and other property held therewith; also the rolling stock, plant, stock-in-trade, materials, and goodwill of the business, and all the book and other debts owing to the Vendors in connection with the business, and also twenty-eight freehold, copyhold, and leasehold licensed houses, and seven freehold dwelling-houses.

Mr Charles Johnson, of Emscote, Upper Eastville, Bristol, the well-known Brewers' valuer, has valued the whole of the property and undertaking (exclusive of the consumable stock and book debts) at £40,560, at which sum they will be taken over by the Company. The Company will take to the book debts and consumable stock at a valuation, to be ascertained and determined by Mr Charles Rogers, of the town of Nottingham, Chartered Accountant, or some person to be appointed by him.

Nothing has been charged for the goodwill of the business.

GOODWIN BROTHERS (Limited).

The Licensed Houses are let to respectable tenants at moderate rentals. The Brewery has an ample supply of excellent water, well adapted for brewing purposes, which has obtained for the firm's beer a high reputation. Messrs Goodwin, in May, 1890, sent a sample of water to Mr Lawrance Briant, F.C.S., for analysis, and the following report was received from him, which shows the water to be one of the finest brewing supplies in the country:—

"I have carefully analysed the sample of water received from you, with the following result: it is perfectly pure, and free from any contamination. I consider it to be an excellent brewing water, and superior to some of the well-known Burton waters, and it should produce ales of great character and stability.

"(Signed) LAWRANCE BRIANT, F.C.S."

The Directors are of opinion there is ample scope for a further large and profitable development of the business.

The business has heretofore been managed by Messrs John Goodwin, William V. S. G. Goodwin, and F. G. Goodwin, and they have agreed to act as directors of the Company for a period of ten years.

The business is to be taken over as from the first day of January, 1891, therefore the Company comes into an income from the commencement.

The whole of the ordinary shares in the capital of the Company will be accepted by the vendors in part payment of the purchase money; they are also willing to accept £5,000 in preference shares in the Company as further part of the purchase price if the directors desire [illegible] to do so.

The present issue of capital will be amply sufficient for the purchase of the business and for working capital.

The books of the business have been examined by the said Charles Rogers for the year ending 31st December, 1890, and he certifies that the net profits for that year, without charging interest on capital, were £3,6[illegible] 3s 11d. Looking to the continuous development of the business, the directors are of opinion that the profits of 1890 may be regarded as a minimum annual profit for the future.

GOODWIN BROTHERS (Limited).

Taking the annual profit at not less than £3,600, this will suffice to pay dividend on 3,500 Preference Shares, at 6 per cent. per annum £2,100
Leaving a balance of £1,500

The arrangements for the transfer of the undertaking to the Company have been embodied in an agreement, dated the 3rd day of February, 1891, and made between the said John Goodwin, William Valters Summers Gradwell Goodwin, and Fleming Gradwell Goodwin, the Vendors, of the one part, and the Company of the other part.

The vendors will pay all expenses incidental to the formation of the Company generally, up to and including allotment, and the legal charges of conveying the properties to and vesting them in the Company, including the stamp duties on the conveyance and assignments.

Applications for shares should be made on the accompanying form, and forwarded, together with the amount of deposit, to the bankers of the Company. If the whole amount of shares applied for by any applicant be not allotted the surplus of the deposit will be appropriated towards the sum due on allotment. Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full.

It is believed that the above are the particulars which should be given in accordance with Section 38 of the Companies Act, 1867, but the vendors have entered into contracts in the ordinary course of business, and if it should be considered that these contracts fall within the section, any further compliance with that section will be deemed to have been waived by applicants for shares.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, together with copies of the above-mentioned agreement, and the report of Mr Johnson and the certificate of Mr Rogers, may be seen at the office of Mr William Clifton, St. Peter's-chambers, Nottingham, the solicitor of the Company.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application may be obtained at the offices of the Company, or at the offices of the bankers or Solicitor.

Dated 5th February, 1891.

Tenders.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

TO PAINTERS.—The Directors are prepared to receive TENDERS for Painting the Company's Buildings, &c., on the following branches—

No. 1 Contract .... Kelso Branch.
No. 2 .... Penshaw Branch.
No. 3 .... Pelaw and South Shields Branch.

Specifications, Quantities, and further information may be obtained on application to Mr Charles A. Harrison, the Company's Engineer, Central Station, Newcastle-on-Tyne, up to the 15th instant.

Sealed Tenders, marked "Tender for Painting" to be sent to the Secretary at York, not later than noon on Wednesday, the 18th instant.

The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

C. N. WILKINSON, Secretary.
York, 7th February, 1891. 12

STOCKTON-ON-TEES CORPORATION.—The Gas Committee of the Stockton Corporation invite TENDERS for the Construction of a Water-tight Gas Holder Tank, 132 feet diameter by 26 feet 6 inches deep at the Gas Works premises, Stockton-on-Tees.

Plans and Specification may be seen, or any further information may be obtained, on application to Mr Wm Ford at the Gas Works.

Tenders sealed and endorsed, "Tender for Gas Holder Tank," to be lodged with me on or before Wednesday, the 25th day of February, 1891.

The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order,
M. B. DODDS, Town Clerk.
Stockton-on-Tees, February 3rd, 1891.

TENDERS Wanted for supplying Material and carrying out Alterations to Shop Front in Newport-road. For particulars apply to Alfred Mills, 6, Lothian-road, Middlesbrough. The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted. 9

TO Brickmakers and Contractors.—TENDERS Wanted for the making and burning of bricks over the season. Contractor to find his own coals and to pay for coals at a price to be agreed upon. Further particulars may be obtained on application to The Weardale (Durham) Salt Co., Ld. 2, Exchange-place, Middlesbrough. 12

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Public Notices.

AFTERNOON EXCURSION.—From the Hartlepools, &c., to SUNDERLAND and NEWCASTLE, on WEDNESDAY, February 11th. See bills. 10

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.—On SHROVE TUESDAY, February 10th, EXCURSION from Richmond at 10.20 a.m., Catterick, Scorton, Moulton, Dalton, Cowton, Northallerton, Thirsk, &c., to LEEDS. See bills for further particulars.
York, February, 1891.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.—FEBRUARY 11th.
An EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Crook at 1.10 p.m. (with bookings from Etherley, Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Darlington, &c.), for LEEDS.
An EXCURSION TRAIN will leave Loftus at 1.30 p.m. (with bookings from Brotton, Guisborough, Middlesbrough, Stockton, &c.), for NEWCASTLE.
For particulars see bills. 10

MIDDLESBROUGH HIGH SCHOOL.—THE SCIENCE SCHOOL.—The next Examination for 15 Science and Art Scholarships will be held at the High School on SATURDAY, March 7th, 1891. Forms of nomination may now be had by the Head Masters of Elementary Schools on application to the Hon. Secretary. N.B.—These Scholarships are open only to the children of parents whose total income from all sources does not exceed £200 a year. 9

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, QUEEN'S-TERRACE, MIDDLESBRO'.—TUESDAY, Feb. 10, "An Evening with Handel." Vocalists, Mrs Lynas, Mrs Parkinson, Misses Lamyman, Trueftt, Betts, Heslop; Messrs T. Goldsbrough, W. J. Gamble, H. Dick, F. W. Downie; violin, Mr C. J. Hoggett; piano and organ, Mr J. M. Parkinson; reading, "Handel," Mr F. P. Wilson. To commence at 8. Admission 6d.

WEST HARTLEPOOL WOMEN'S LIBERAL ASSOCIATION.—A Grand Concert will be given in the Athenæum, at 8 p.m., on Tuesday, February 10th, 1891, under the patronage of Mrs Christopher Furness (president) and the Vice-President of the Women's Liberal Association. See bills. 9

THORNABY SHROVE TUESDAY TEA and ENTERTAINMENT, February 10th, in aid of the Church Day Schools, South Stockton. Tea from five o'clock in Alderson's Market Hall. Entertainment, 7.30, in Gaiety Music Hall (kindly lent by the Salvation Army). Tickets for Tea and Entertainment, 1s, of Mr Mackenzie, Bookseller. 10

YORKSHIRE ARTILLERY MILITIA.—The preliminary Drill of the above Corps will commence at Scarborough on the 2nd of March, 1891, from which date trained Gunners, as well as Non-commissioned Officers, will be called up; and it should be understood that all men who interest themselves in obtaining recruits will (should they wish it) be the first to be considered when the time arrives for calling men up.
J. LEAKE,
9 Recruiting Sergeant, Middlesbrough.

TEMPERANCE HALL, DOVECOT-STREET, STOCKTON.
HERR COHEN
Will attend in his rooms daily from 10 to 1.30, 3 to 5, and 7 to 9, FOR A FEW DAYS LONGER for the Sale of his PATENT MEDICAL CURATIVE COIL.
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TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!!
NEWPORT-ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH.
LECTURES BY REV. ISAAC LEVINSOHN.
MONDAY, FEB. 9,
Subject: "RAMBLES IN JERUSALEM."
TUESDAY, FEB. 10,
Subject: "A RIDE TO DAMASCUS."
Lately Mr Levinsohn has been in Palestine. His Lectures will illustrate his travels, and will be full of interest and instruction.
The Lectures will be illustrated by Diagrams and several friends dressed in Oriental costume. Commence at 7.30. Collection at the close.
COME, AND BRING A FRIEND.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL TEA AND ENTERTAINMENT on SHROVE TUESDAY, February 10th, in the NEW TOWN HALL; tea on the tables from 5 to 6.30 p.m., to be followed by a GRAND ENTERTAINMENT, consisting of TABLEAUX VIVANTS AND CONCERT, in which the following ladies and gentlemen will take part:—Mrs W. Hawdon, the Misses Hanson, E. Hanson, E. Herbert, Evelyn Lewis, R. Stevenson, F. Stevenson, W. Stevenson, the Messrs O. H. Cochrane, C. Cross, J. Hanson, G. O. Herbert, G. Liddle, E. S. Leith, G. Terry, W. P. Ward, H. Wood. Several of the Children of St. John's Schools will appear in two of the Tableaux.

VOCALISTS:
MRS WHATFORD, MR E. WIDDICOMBE,
MR H. GOOSE. Solo Violin, MR A. WILSON.
The Tableaux arranged by MR WHATFORD.
THE BAND OF MR H. JOHNSON LAIRD
Has been engaged for the evening.

Entertainment to commence at 8 p.m. Doors of hall open at 7 p.m.

Tickets for Tea and Unreserved Seat at Entertainment, 1s each, which can be had at the Vicarage or from the District Visitors. Tickets for Reserved Seats at Entertainment, 2s each, which can only be had at the Vicarage.

Proceeds for parochial purposes.
Carriages may be ordered for 9.45 p.m.

THE DURHAM AND YORKSHIRE BUILDING SOCIETY.

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STOCKTON:—Ralph Appleton, 134, High-street.
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HARTLEPOOL:—J. V. Longstaff, 109, Durham-street.
RIPON:—John Bell, 17, Westgate.
SHILDON:—J. F. Adamson, Hill-street.
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14 WM. B. PEAT, SECRETARY.

THEATRE ROYAL, MIDDLESBROUGH.—Monday, February 9, 1891, Engagement for Six Nights Only, of AUGUSTE VAN BIENE'S Burlesque Company in the Enormously Successful Burlesque, FAUST UP TO DATE, as played 450 times at the Gaiety Theatre, London.

On MONDAY EVENING, February 9th, 1891, and during the week, AUGUSTE VAN BIENE'S Co. in the Enormously Successful Burlesque,
FAUST UP TO DATE,
By G. R. SIMS and HENRY PETTITT.
Music by MEYER LUTZ.

OXFORD PALACE, Middlesbrough.—THIS WEEK:—Mdlle. Tina, with her Educated Cats, Rats, Mice, and Canaries; Miss Ada Rippon, Mr George Lashwood, Mdlle. Florence, Little Paul, Messrs Parker and M'Nally, Mr Charles Pateman, the Avrigny Trio. Friday, Feb. 13th, Benefit for Widows and Orphans of crew of s.s. "Bear."

GAIETY THEATRE, West Hartlepool.—This Week—Mr FRED. COOKE'S NEW MAZEPPA COMPANY.

ALHAMBRA VARIETY THEATRE, Lambton-street (off Lynn-street), West Hartlepool.—This week:—
THE FLYING STELLIOS.
Miss ALICE VENLEY, the Vocalist Actress.
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Messrs CLIFTON and CLYDE, the Harmonious Two.
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THE MIDDLESBROUGH BRANCH
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Any amount may be deposited.
3 per cent. interest allowed.
£20, or any smaller amount, may be withdrawn without notice, and larger sums on giving one day's notice.
Cheque books are issued.
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IF the Gentleman who in mistake took a Malacca Cane from the Borough Hall after the Ropner Banquet on the 5th will return it to the Hall-keeper he will receive his own. 10

LOST, on Friday night, small Black Kitten. Finder rewarded. Young, 55, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 10

LOST, at Newport, on Sunday morning, Sable Collie Dog. Finder rewarded. Address B19, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 11

LOST, between Temperance-street and Reed-street, West Hartlepool, a Black Fur Cape; finder rewarded. Apply 3, Temperance-street, West Hartlepool. 11

REWARD.—Lost, between St. Paul's-road and Albert-road, on Monday night, a pair of Folding Eye Glasses. 44, Albert-road.

FOUND, a Liver Retriever Bitch; if not claimed in three days will be sold. Apply at No. 42, Vickers-street, Grangetown. 9

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This applies to "private" wants only of Servants, &c.

APPRENTICE Wanted to the Dressmaking. Apply 14, Skinner-street, Stockton. 11

AGENCY for Servants, Miss Wright, Derby House, Hartington-road, Stockton. Good situations.

AGENCY for Servants.—Miss Hayllar, 9, Bridge-road, Stockton. Good Servants Wanted.

AGENCY for Servants: Mrs Rudd, 33, Mandale-road, South Stockton. Moderate terms.

AGENCY for Servants.—Mrs Reid's, 26, Newcomen-street, Redcar. Wanted immediately, good Plain Cook; Good Generals. 13

AGENTS Wanted, whole or spare time, commission and bonus. Ireton and Co., 92, Gracechurch-street, London.

AGENTS Wanted everywhere; salary, £8 monthly and commission; samples free; carriage paid. Fuller, Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex. 13

AGENTS Wanted to Sell Collier's Pills; good commission. Apply for particulars to James Collier, Cwmynyscoy, Pontypool, Mon. 11

AGENT Wanted; £26 per quarter, paid weekly; splendid opening; experience unnecessary; specimens free. Address Compo Works, Farnworth, Bolton.

AGENTS Wanted, whole or spare time; best paying agency going; liberal remuneration; goods constantly demanded, steady income assured; orders executed by return; sample packet stamp free. Rubber Stamperies, 44, Snow Hill, London. y12

BARMAID, good Generals, and Kitchenmaid Wanted. Apply Mrs Davison, Registry, 73, Corporation-road, Middlesbrough.

BARMAN.—Young Man (steady) Wanted; good references. Central Hotel, West Hartlepool. 11

BRIGHTON.—Kitchenmaid, go Monday, with Housemaid from Stockton; wages, £14—£18; small family. Wright's Registry, Stockton. 10

CANVASSER for Trade Association Wanted; must be acquainted with the district. Address C5, "Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough. 11

COOKS, Housemaids, and Generals Wanted at once £10 to £20. Mrs Pluse, 71, Linthorpe-rd., M'bro'.

COOKS and Generals (several) Wanted; also, House-maid and Nurse; send full particulars. Miss Hayllar, Bridge-road, Stockton. 11

COOK, General (experienced) Wanted immediately; good references. Mrs Pearson, Cleveland Villa, South Stockton. 9

DOORMAN and Bill Distributor Wanted; good salary to suitable man. Apply Manager, Cash Boot Co., Middlesbrough. 9

GRANGE-OVER-SANDS.—Cook, for two Stockton ladies; good place; please call or write. Wright's Registry, Stockton. 9

GROCER'S Junior Wanted. Apply Newman's, Church-row, Stockton. 9

GUIDE-MILL Roller Wanted. Apply M. Coulson and Co., Engineers, Spennymoor. 9

GENERAL Servant Wanted, with good character. Apply Mrs Scott, Lorne House, Stockton. 9

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted immediately; one used to Hotels. Apply Swan Hotel, Redcar. 9

GENERAL Servant Wanted at once. Apply Mrs Andrew Brown, 25, The Square, Stockton. 10

GENERAL Servant (good, strong) Wanted; about 18. Apply 4, Glenville-terrace, Queen-street, Coatham. 11

GENERAL Servant Wanted, age about 20. Apply Mrs Trattles, 5, Esk-terrace, Whitby. 13

GENERAL Servant Wanted; between 20 and 30. Apply Cleveland Hotel, North Ormesby. 14

GENERAL Servant Wanted (good character). Apply immediately, 13, Marton-road, Middlesbrough. 9

GENERAL Servant (strong) Wanted, about 18. Apply No. 1, Southfield Villas-road, Middlesbrough. 9

GENERAL Servant (good, strong) Wanted; about 20 years of age. Apply Mrs Wilson, Crown Hotel, Brotton, R.S.O. 9

GENERAL Servant (good) Wanted; able to wash. Apply Mrs Bulmer, South Villa, Grove Hill, Middlesbrough. 12

GENERAL Servants, with good references, Wanted. Address, with particulars, to Ingledew's Servants' Registry, Ocean-road, South Shields.

GENERAL Servant (experienced) Wanted; fond of children; reference required. Mrs Hornby, Northgate, Darlington. 9

GENERAL Servant Wanted; good character indispensable. Mrs Cocking, 367, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 9

GENERAL Servant Wanted; one that can milk preferred. Apply Mrs Burns, Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. 9

GENERAL Servant Wanted, willing to assist in Bar; good character indispensable. Address stating age, and full particulars, to Box 47, "Gazette" Office, Stockton. 10

GENERAL Servant (respectable), able to do plain cooking; also, Girl, about 18, as Nurse-Housemaid; good character required. Apply Mrs Conway, Westbourne House, North Ormesby. 10

GIRL Wanted, about 16 or 17. Apply Dodshon, Blacksmith, Norton. 10

GIRL Wanted, age about 16 or 17. Apply 7, Henry-terrace, Oxbridge-lane, Stockton. 11

GIRL Wanted as Servant. Apply 5, Hartington-road, Stockton. 9

GIRL Wanted immediately; aged about 17. Apply 11, Spring-street, Stockton. 11

GIRL (respectable) Wanted, about 16, for general house work; to sleep out. Apply 3, Grosvenor-terrace, Middlesbrough. 10

GIRL (strong) Wanted as General Servant; about 20; able to wash. Apply Mrs Meredith, 97, Princess-street, South Bank. 9

HOUSEMAID for two in family; also, several Cooks, Generals, and Nurse-Housemaids Wanted for the term. County Registry, Charles-street, West Hartlepool.

HOUSEMAID Wanted for a small family; must be experienced. Apply Mrs F. Morris, Moor House, Hartlepool. 9

HOUSEKEEPER (without incumbrance) Wanted, age about 35, to respectable Working Man. Address Box Z., "Gazette" Office, West Hartlepool. 10

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KITCHENMAID Wanted. Apply Mrs Poole, Hydropathic Establishment, Redcar. 10

KNITTING Machines.—Harrison Gold Medal Swift; Wanted, buying agents. Works: 48, Upper Brook-street, Manchester.

LADY Canvasser Wanted, to take orders for Jones Sewing Machines; wages and commission. Apply Jones Sewing Machine Company (Limited), 37, Newport-road, Middlesbrough. 10

LAD Wanted at once, able to milk and drive milk cart. Apply William Smith, Long Newton, Darlington. 10

MILLINERY.—Young Ladies Wanted as Apprentices to Millinery Work-room and Sales. Apply Lisney and Dickson, Drapers, Middlesbrough. 14

MILLINERY.—Wanted, a good Milliner, to take full charge of workroom; accustomed to medium class trade. Apply, stating age, references, etc. (to live out), at J. Burnip's, Spennymoor. 10

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28 Cigar-holder and 2 Cases; Cricket Ball.
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34 Seventeen Pieces of Linthorpe Ware.
35 An Electric indicator, Coil, &c.
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41 Well-made Mahogany Chest of Drawers.
42 WELL MADE 4ft. MAHOGANY WARDROBE, fitted with dress-pegs and drawers, with looking-glass centre door.
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44 Pair Mahogany Duchess Tables, jewel drawers and glass attached; Marble-top Washstand, well made.
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46 Marble Clock; Engraving, "Sir Joseph Pease."
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62 Well-made Mahogany Enclosed Secretaire, fitted with pigeon holes, fall-leaf and drawers; a well-made article.
63 Walnut Pedestal Writing Table.
64 Walnut-frame Easy Chair, spring and hair stuffed, covered in morocco.
65 Walnut-frame Easy Chair.
66 Gent's 18-carat Gold English Lever Watch, 9-carat Gold Albert.
68 Two Gent's Silver Levers, a Silver Geneva.
71 Pair Opera Glasses, 3 Fans, Card Case.
74 Silver Medal, 2 Silver Thimbles, Silver Ring, and 2 Pencil Cases.
75 Mahogany-frame Suite, comprising settee, 2 easy chairs, and 6 small chairs, all spring seats.
76 Inlaid Octagon Table; Walnut Table.
78 Mahogany Chest of 4 drawers.
79 Three Pair of Japanese Vases; Skeleton Clock.
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94 Inlaid Walnut Centre Table.
95 Walnut Corner Cabinet, looking glass panels.
96 Walnut Inlaid China Cabinet, glass centre-door, lined with plush.
97 Walnut-frame Mirror, with bevel-edge looking-glass panels.
98 Pair of Hand-painted China Vases.
99 Pair of Walnut Dwarf Cabinets, glass doors.
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ONE AND A FRACTION.

IT is more than pleasing, it is exhilarating, to find in these degenerate times men among us valorous enough to dare to attempt deeds fitted to eclipse in devotion and brilliancy the proudest of the achievements of the brave days of old. When the Persian officer thought to intimidate the handful of Greeks opposing the march of the great Royal army by declaring that the discharge of the arrows ready to be directed against them would be so thick as to darken the sun, he received for answer, "Then we will fight in the shade." Everybody, too, has read or heard and been thrilled by the story of "the dauntless Three" who held the bridge at Rome against an invading host. And every patriotic Englishman loves to recall King Henry's grandly heroic speech when he found himself and his small band of wearied men confronted by a powerful and splendidly equipped French army on the eve of the battle of Agincourt:—"I would not have a single man more. If God gives us the victory it will be plain that we owe it to His grace. If not, the fewer we are the less loss to England."

Our readers, we are sure, will be glad to hear that this ancient virtue is not dead. It lives and breathes amongst them. Its custodiers and exemplifiers are the Liberal Unionists of County Durham. We have frequently of late had occasion to expose the inconsistency of these gentleman. To-day we wish to do justice to their hardihood. We recognise them as brave beyond the power of description. And their virtue is all the more remarkable because they themselves do not seem to know it. At Agincourt the gallant King Henry was conscious of the peril in which he was placed. "Gloucester, 'tis true that we are in great danger. The greater, therefore, should our courage be." But the Liberal Unionists of County Durham refuse to think of danger. They think only of present duty, and the crowning victory that awaits them. Have they not among the fifteen constituencies returning sixteen members 12,500 "good men and true"—at all events on paper? Now, it is notorious that wealthy men who are keen politicians, and are anxious for assurance of popular support, can, with the greatest ease, be provided with thousands of paper pledges, all supposed to represent good men and true. We have known of a candidate, the representative of wealth and social influence, being assured of 17,000 pledges, and receiving only 5,000 votes on the polling day. It is possible, therefore, that the 12,500 when put to the test will be reduced to one-half or one-third. But what does that matter to the Liberal Unionists of Durham? Gideon's army of two-and-thirty thousand was reduced to 300 men, and yet it overthrew the host of the Midianites. The Liberal Unionists have faith in their cause, and they scornfully repudiate the doctrine that Providence is on the side of strong battalions. As the representatives of the classes, they believe in the government of the many by the few, and from belief in the infallibility to belief in the invincibility, of the few is, for men so trustful and heroic, but a short step. Wherefore they possess a great reserve of moral force and virtue which when drawn upon enables their courage to mount with occasion.

Meanwhile, however, let it be noted that they believe in their 12,520 good men and true. The total electoral strength of the county we make up to be as follows:—

COUNTY DIVISIONS.	
Barnard Castle	10,270
Bishop Auckland	9,906
Chester-le-Street	12,734
Jarrow	11,763
Houghton-le-Spring	13,208
Mid-Durham	11,398
North West Durham	9,647
South-East Durham	13,758
BOROUGH CONSTITUENCIES.	
Darlington	5,983
Durham City	2,297
Stockton	9,723
Gateshead	13,443
Hartlepools	9,456
South Shields	12,892
Sunderland (2 members)	21,332
	167,810

Now, ordinary business men innocent of heroism *in excelsis* looking at these figures would come to the conclusion that the 12,500 Liberal Unionists, supposing they actually exist in these numbers, could not count for much among so many. They would see that the whole party in the county exceeds little more than the average strength of a single division, and that if proportionate representation were established for County Durham the Liberal Unionists would be entitled only to one member and a fraction. They would argue further that as the principle of proportionate representation is not yet practically recognised, and that as the 12,500 paper Liberal Unionists are distributed among fifteen constituencies, the Liberal Unionist chances of securing even a unit of representation must be extremely slight. The statistical experts would be compelled to report that Liberal Unionism in Durham consists only of a party of microscopial atoms, scattered throughout the county, in sufficient numbers perhaps to give a certain diversity to political life, but without to any appreciable extent affecting its political character. Yet on the strength of these 12,500 good men and true, more or less mythical, the gallant Liberal Unionists—every man of whom knows that he is, like every soldier in Cæsar's Tenth Legion, fit to be a leader—claim the half if not the majority of the seats. Already they have named Sir Edward Sullivan for Chester-le-Street, Mr Pandeli Ralli for Gateshead, Sir Andrew Fairbairn for South Shields, Sir William Gray for the Hartlepools, Sir Henry Havelock-Allan for South-East Durham, Mr Arthur Pease for Darlington, the Hon. Mr Lambton for Sunderland, Mr Dunville, Lord Hartington's private secretary, for Mid-Durham, and they evidently mean to make other nominations, having Barnard Castle and Bishop Auckland more particularly in their eye. The balance, whether it amount to the half or a little less than the half, they intend to leave to their Tory allies, who, in their estimation, we presume, number less than 12,500 "good men and true." For again let us do the Liberal Unionists justice. Not only are they superlatively courageous men, but they are likewise scrupulously honest and honourable. Of course, they would rather die at the stake than wrong, or even seek to wrong, their faithful and trustful allies, the Tories. We may, therefore, accept as indisputable gospel that the Liberal Unionists believe that the Tories cannot number more than themselves, and, therefore, are not entitled to a larger share of the representation of the county. We trust the Tory allies will adequately appreciate the justice and generosity of their good friends. We trust, too, they will duly note and be grateful for the frank declarations made by the Earl of Camperdown at the Gateshead Conference that the Liberal Unionists do not mean to become Tories; that they accept the alliance under stress of necessity, and that as soon as they patriotically can they will quit their company. Certainly the Tories ought to be proud and grateful if they are not. They find their voting strength inferentially estimated by their allies at 12,500 or something less, and they are told by these same considerate allies that they will leave their company as soon as they safely can! How mutually kind and brotherly these political "fractions" are, to be sure! Of course the happy family mean to monopolise the representation of the whole county and give no rest for the sole of the Liberal foot. Perhaps when the ballot boxes are opened at the next general election it will be found it is the other way about. Durham, we hope, will endorse and emphasise the lesson lately given in the Hartlepools, and proclaim itself unbrokenly Liberal.

THE acceptance of a 5 per cent. reduction in the wages of the Cleveland miners has been quickly followed by a reduction of 1¼ in Northumberland. The figures submitted at a conference of representatives of owners and workers held in Newcastle on Saturday showed that the state of the market called for the reduction, and the miners' delegates accepted the moral of the ascertainment without dispute. At the same time, however, they asked that the working day of boys should be 10 instead of 11 hours, and the owners asked time to consider this demand.

THE Ministerial crisis at Rome is technically over. The Marquis di Rudini has formed a Cabinet on the basis of the maintenance of the Triple Alliance and the enforcement of economies in the military and naval budgets. But it is doubtful if the new Cabinet can last in the present House, which was elected to support Signor Crispi, and it is understood that Signor Rudini has obtained from the King the promise of a dissolution if it should be found impossible to construct an enduring Ministerial majority out of the Chamber of Deputies as presently constituted.

CHILI must now be added to the number of South American States that are ruining their fortunes by internal dissension and extravagant administration. It seems, indeed, in a worse way than even Brazil and the Argentine Confederation. A kind of double rebellion or revolution is in progress. There are rebels against the Government both in the army and in the navy; but it is not by any means clear that these revolutionary sections are in agreement with each other. Meanwhile property is being destroyed, the harvest is being left unreaped, trade is being ruined, and chaos holds the field.

THE Canadian Conservatives have begun their electioneering campaign in advance of the Liberals, and over their platform of commercial reform they have hoisted the Union Jack. Sir John Macdonald in his manifesto describes the policy of the Liberal Opposition as unrestricted reciprocity, or as free trade, and a common tariff with the United States against the world—a policy, he says, which would involve discrimination against the mother country, and lead to the annexation of Canada by the United States, while enormously adding to the burden of taxation in the Dominion. Against this policy he opposes proposals for the settlement of commercial relations with the United States on a friendly and mutually advantageous basis, and the removal of the fishery disputes—or, in other words, the development of the varied resources of the Dominion by every means consistent with Canada's position as an integral portion of the British Empire. "My course is clear," Sir John concludes, in a highly patriotic strain. "A British subject I was born; a British subject I would die. With my utmost effort, with my latest breath, will I oppose the veiled treason which attempts, by sordid means and mercenary proffers, to lure our people from their allegiance."

THE public has responded generously to the appeal of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland for help to the distressed people, and Mr Balfour, it is understood, is devoting all his time and energies to the great task which has overtaken him. There seems reason to fear that the measures taken by public or private charity are falling short of the necessities of the case. The Bishop of Salford publishes an appeal, addressed to him by the Bishop of Achonry, which gives a saddening and terrible picture of Irish poverty and suffering. Achonry, as the Bishop describes it, is the most populous and the poorest See in all the land. The village of Achonry, the largest in the diocese, lies in the centre of Lord Dillon's estates. There are four thousand tenants on the estate, the Bishop writes, and "of that number 3,000—or nearer to 3,500—are so poor themselves that they are exempted from the payment of poor rates." At the time of his writing, the Bishop says, 200 starving men were at his gates begging for employment. What about the Government Relief Works? it may be asked. The Bishop replies with a startling statement, which we leave to tell its own tale:—"Mr Balfour has provided railway works through parts of this diocese about twenty miles from here. The works were opened simultaneously in three places last week. Five thousand men assembled to get employment, which was available for only one hundred. It required all the energy and influence of twelve of my priests to allay the fierce excitement of these starving men, who were by the very pressure of hunger driven almost to desperation."

THE SERIOUS SOCIETY SCANDAL.

ALLEGED CHEATING AT CARDS.

Sir William Gordon-Cumming, Bart., Lieutenant-Colonel in the Scots Guards, has commenced an action for slander against Mrs Arthur Wilson, Mr Stanley Wilson, Mr and Mrs Lycett Green, and Mr Berkeley Levett on the ground that they imputed to him dishonest conduct whilst playing at cards. The writ, which embraces the five defendants, has been served, and it is stated that the action will be strenuously prosecuted and defended. No damages are claimed. It is not likely that the case, which will be of a most remarkable character, will come on for hearing until after the long vacation. Sir Charles Russell, Q.C., M.P., has already been retained by Messrs Lewis and Lewis for the defendants.

MONSTRE RECEPTION OF FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS.

A MAN KILLED.

Among the entire section of the football public in Edinburgh the result of the final tie for the Scottish Cup between Dumbarton and the Heart of Midlothian on Saturday was awaited with feverish interest, and when the news arrived that the Heart of Midlothian had won the coveted trophy there was immense jubilation. The successful team upon reaching Edinburgh in the evening were welcomed at the Caledonian Station by a gathering of several thousand persons, who gave them a great ovation. They entered a brake, and preceded by a band drove through the streets, being heartily cheered on their way. Unfortunately, the proceedings were attended by the loss of life. The brake had hardly left the station when a labourer, named Peter Wilson, was knocked down in the crush, and the wheels of the vehicle passed over his body. He was taken to the Royal Infirmary, and died in a few hours.

MADAME PATTI AND HER ENGAGEMENTS.

AN ORDER FOR HER ARREST.

The *Vossische Zeitung* reports that as Madame Patti was preparing to leave Berlin on Saturday for Paris she was called upon by a bailiff, who presented an order for her arrest and for distraint upon her baggage, failing the payment of a sum of £400. It appears that a Russian syndicate concluded a contract with Madame Patti on September 16th last, according to which she was to sing in twelve concerts or operas at St. Petersburg and Moscow, receiving £800 for each performance. The money, it is stated, was adequately guaranteed, but Madame Patti would seemed to have changed her mind, and abandoned the projected tour to Russia. Upon her arrival in Berlin, a few days ago, the syndicate instituted proceedings against her for breach of contract, claiming £400 damages. They estimated their loss at ten times that amount, but the sum mentioned was the maximum that the law permitted them to claim. Madame Patti paid the £400 and left for Paris.

A LUNATIC FORCIBLY REMOVED FROM A PULPIT.

STRANGE SCENE IN A YORK CHAPEL.

Yesterday morning the Lord Mayor and Corporation of York attended the Centenary (Wesleyan) Chapel in state, and had scarcely got seated when a man in the congregation left his seat and ascended the pulpit steps. He entered the pulpit and at once commenced to address the large congregation, telling them that he had been sent to preach to them and to tell them to turn from the error of their ways. One of the chapel officials went to him and endeavoured to persuade him to leave by telling him that he had mistaken the day on which he was to preach, and that he was to occupy the pulpit next Sunday. But he was in possession and would not be persuaded. He was sure that was the day on which he had to preach, and he persisted in remaining where he was. At last the Chief Constable (Mr G. W. Whitfield), who had accompanied the civic procession, ascended the pulpit steps, and with the assistance of one of the members of the congregation forcibly removed the man and took him to the police station. Considerable excitement prevailed, and one or two of the ladies present fainted. The poor fellow was afterwards examined by Mr Marshall, the police surgeon, and he declared that his mind was affected. He was well known to many present, as he is a native of York, and brother of Mr Tinson, builder, of that city. He himself is a bricklayer. Four years ago he went to America, and only returned to York about a month ago, since which time he has been working for his brother.

A BOON TO STOCKTON.—Never before was Stockton so electrified as now. Since Herr Cohen, the inventor of the Curative Coil Battery, made his appearance scores of households are cheered through the wonderful cures effected by his method of applying electricity in cases of rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, headache, nervousness, indigestion, depression, backache, weak circulation, and general debility. Without exception this Battery has been proved to be the most simple and lasting method of relieving pain and suffering. This latest invention might truly be called the "Little Doctor," because it relieves neuralgia in a moment, nervous headache with one application, rheumatic pains in the joints in about five minutes, to the surprise of everybody, and only those know its value who use it.—"January 15th, 1891. Dear Sir,—I purchased one of your Batteries when at Rotherham, and may say that I am quite satisfied with my purchase, and would not be without it for twice the amount it cost. It quite cured my wife of enlarged veins. The Battery has also been round about the neighbourhood for various other ailments, one in particular—a man who had a slight stroke of paralysis, on whom the doctor used it, and he was working again in a fortnight.—Yours respectfully, ARTHUR STONES." —The above battery may be had of Herr Cohen at the Temperance Hall, Dovecot-street, Stockton. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 7 to 8.—ADVT.

LINUM CATHARTICUM PILLS, agreeably aperient, 9½d, 13½d, 2s 9d. Of all Chemists.—ADVT.

KAY'S TIC PILLS, specific in Neuralgia, Face-ache, 9½d and 13½d; postage 1d. All Chemists.—ADVT

LONDON NOTES.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE AND EXTRA [illegible]
LONDON, M[illegible]

To-day's sitting of the House of [illegible] and a morning sitting to-morrow [illegible] devoted to the Tithe Bill, but whether [illegible] will be finished within that time [illegible] certain. To-morrow, at the evening [illegible] Bryce will move a resolution on the [illegible] access to moors and mountains in Scotland [illegible] will be resisted by the Government as an [illegible] the rights of property. On Wednesday [illegible] Wednesday) the House will not meet [illegible] o'clock, but the short sitting ought to be [illegible] to dispose of such an old [illegible] subject as the Deceased Wife's Sister B[illegible] is the first order of the day. Whether Mr [illegible] will proceed with his motion on Thurs[illegible] present uncertain. It depends on the [illegible] made with the Tithe Bill, and on the [illegible] The action of the Opposition in this [illegible] been hampered by Mr Parnell. One of [illegible] counts in Mr Morley's indictment was [illegible] attack on Mr Harrison, M.P., but [illegible] Parnell made the gratuitous announcement that Mr Harrison had broken [illegible] three policemen.

The terms of Mr Russell's amen[illegible] Morley's motion were submitted to Mr [illegible] and received his approval. [illegible] therefore, that the Government [illegible] amendment, instead of simp[illegible] selves with meeting Mr Morley [illegible] direct negative.

Sir Charles Forster's guests at [illegible] Gate on Friday night included Mr [illegible] the Right Hon. Henry Fowler, M.P., Mr [illegible] M.P., Mr T. Healy, M.P., and Mr [illegible] Toby M.P. of *Punch*.

The Bishop of Newcastle is appoint[illegible] at the Chapel Royal, St. James [illegible] day in Lent. Owing to the [illegible] Royal, Whitehall, deans who [illegible] on Sundays are nominated to prea[illegible] on Wednesdays in Lent, the [illegible] Deans of York, Manchester [illegible] Rochester, and St. Asaph.

It is rumoured that Lord [illegible] much impressed by the repr[illegible] him by Mr Rhodes on the sub[illegible] in Manicaland, and is incline[illegible] sibility of settling the difficulty [illegible] tion of the territory of the [illegible] whose jurisdiction is understo[illegible] Mashonaland towards the s[illegible]

Sir Charles Dilke has been [illegible] quarters as a desirable candida[illegible] This has not been done with [illegible] leave or knowledge. Sir Charle[illegible] are at present at Toulon, and [illegible] until Wednesday, when they [illegible] where Sir Charles lectures on S[illegible] Société d'Etudes Sociales [illegible] Australian strike.

The Virchow testimonial fund [illegible] to show the eminent author of [illegible] ology," on his 70th birthday, the [illegible] English profession for his contrib[illegible] science, has already elicited [illegible] sympathy and support. The sub[illegible] to two guineas, and though the [illegible] opened a few days many of the [illegible] men in the profession have forwar[illegible]

The action of the Governm[illegible] Disabilities Bill has given [illegible] Roman Catholic supporters. [illegible] folk's letter is one sign of [illegible] Catholics, but it is rumoured that M[illegible] has received a number of let[illegible] religionists couched in much [illegible] Roman Catholics believe that [illegible] Mr Ma[illegible] taken a firm position he could [illegible] Government to accept the Bill.

Monsignor Gadd, preaching at [illegible] day, condemned in strong terms [illegible] Government in defeating Mr [illegible] Disabilities Bill. In view of [illegible] the Government, and of the [illegible] been done for Voluntary [illegible] education, he said that those [illegible] in the past voted on the Conser[illegible] be justified in seriously recon[illegible] the next election, and in us[illegible] their people to turn the scale of [illegible] this country.

Lord Randolph Churchill has [illegible] liamentary life bringing a beard [illegible] Randolph's beard interferes with [illegible] of the moustache, which plays a [illegible] his cogitations. He always sit[illegible] same attitude in the corner sea[illegible] way, with elbow resting on the [illegible] and nervous fingers rapidly twir[illegible] Presently, when the beard gr[illegible] more of Eastern luxuriance [illegible] indulging in the graver [illegible] stroking it.

The approaching marriage of [illegible] continues to be a subject of d[illegible] pearance in Piccadilly the other [illegible] grey suit, a most unusual cost[illegible] lord, who is as sedate in attire a[illegible] manner, was hailed as a beco[illegible] pending matrimony. Both [illegible] the Duchess of Manchester ar[illegible] lar attention, but it is altog[illegible] congratulatory character. [illegible] cognise that in his approach[illegible] Lord Hartington is about to [illegible] of the unity of the Unionists.

The affection felt through[illegible] Rochester for Bishop Thorold wa[illegible] fested on Saturday, when 200 [illegible] laity tramped through a dense [illegible] Southwark, to take farewell of [illegible] his departure for the See of [illegible] Bishop on entering the Lady Chap[illegible] by Bishop Barry and the Chancel[illegible] was received with marked resp[illegible] His address took the form of a [illegible] thirteen years' work in the dioc[illegible] a warm acknowledgement of the [illegible] received from the members of the [illegible] ference. He commended his [illegible] sympathy and support, and, no[illegible] deal of emotion, begged them [illegible] corner in your hearts for me."

The secret of what has been [illegible] gaming scandal is out. Sir W[illegible] is the baronet referred to. He [illegible] prominent member of the Prin[illegible] and every one hopes that he will [illegible] cate himself completely from [illegible] sinuations that are current. [illegible] occurred at the residence of Mr [illegible] Wilson during the week of [illegible] Whatever be the result of [illegible] assist the crusade against [illegible] circles. Baccarat is now played [illegible] for heavy sums, and those [illegible] Society declare that private [illegible] prevalent than ever it was befo[illegible] Cumming has a landed prop[illegible] Scotland, which, if unen[illegible] worth £8,000 or £10,000 a yea[illegible] of the African lion hunt[illegible] Cumming, the well-known [illegible] The Prince of Wales will be [illegible] portant witnesses when the [illegible]

Lord Carmarthen tells a rat[illegible] trating the straits into w[illegible] quality have fallen by pre[illegible] cult of Parnellism. Lord [illegible] of a number of [illegible] at the house of a [illegible] is a popular hostess, [illegible] pronounced Gladstonian. [illegible] b[illegible]ated parrot, which [illegible] fluency. It has been [illegible] loose the tongue of this [illegible] Unionist friends. She [illegible] of observations of a [illegible] rouse the susceptibilit[illegible] and Unionists visitors [illegible] infliction with well bred [illegible] favourite party cries of [illegible] cheers for Gladstone. Hurra[illegible] cent events have given a [illegible] the latter part of the cry. [illegible] thoroughly consistent bird [illegible] freedom of speech, declined [illegible] guage to suit political exigen[illegible] for Parnell" has now become [illegible] expression, the bird has been [illegible] from the drawing room. [illegible] greatly enjoy the situation, and [illegible] hostess with tender enquiries afte[illegible] the dear parrot.

Darlington Fent Store Comp[illegible] business enables them to supp[illegible] below any other house in the North [illegible] Trimming, and Dress Silks at half [illegible] per yard upwards. This is guaranteed [illegible] to see patterns.—ADVT.

KAY'S COMPOUND Essence of Lin[illegible] seed, Senega, Squill, Tolu, with [illegible]

KAY'S COMPOUND, for Coughs [illegible] Asthma, and Bronchitis are [illegible]

NORTHAMPTON ELECTION.

Dr Aveling addressed two large meetings at Northampton yesterday, and met with a patient hearing. He said he had been invited by the local Socialist and Labour Organisation, and stood as a Socialist with a labour programme. Neither of the other candidates, he said—one a barrister and company director, the other a capitalist—could represent the workers, on whom they lived. He advocated the payment of members, a legal eight hours day, land nationalisation, and other advanced measures. The Conservative and Unionist candidate, Mr Germaine, addressed outdoor meetings on Saturday; and at night Mr Ashmead Bartlett spoke on his behalf at the Corn Exchange. The meeting was very noisy, there being constant interruptions.

THE NEED FOR LABOUR REPRESENTATION.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

At a meeting of the Newcastle Labour Electoral Association on Saturday Mr Thomas Woods gave an interesting address on labour representation and its advantages. He said that the increase of the wealth of the United Kingdom over the past ten years ending 1890 was £1,540,000,000—or £400,000 a day, or about 3d per inhabitant. The wealthy classes had increased in the last two hundred years at the rate of 25 per cent., whereas the workers had increased at the rate of only 6 per cent. England in the last ten years had been accumulating capital at the rate of £50,000,000 a year. £1,000,000,000 had been invested in solid property in the kingdom. The wealthy classes had confiscated 7,000,000 acres of common land. Mullhall said that the average age of the British people was 27 years 1 month, which was the lowest in Europe, and that the affluent classes in England were two inches taller than the artisan classes. The average weight of the affluent class at the age of 20 years was 146lb., the artisan 136lb., but at the age of 30 years the affluent classes weighed 160lb., the artisan 149lb. At 60 years the affluent classes weighed 170lb, the artisan 138lb. A great change was wanted, and to secure for the workers a fair share of the advantages which the affluent classes were enjoying, and to keep them secure, the workers must have their own representatives.

THE IRISH CLERGY AND MR PARNELL.

In many parts of Ireland yesterday at the principal morning service pastorals from the Bishops of the dioceses were read warning the congregations to hold aloof from the National League, as it seemed to be under the control of Mr Parnell and his partisans.—Mr Timothy Harrington, M.P., secretary of the National League, replying to Archbishop Walsh, writes that there are few among the Archbishop's best friends who would not deeply deplore his language. Mr Harrington explains that his circular was such as is issued every year to remind the League branches of their duty, and stimulate them in the work of reorganisation. Not one shadow of foundation exists for any of the Archbishop's charges. At the very time when the circular was drafted, he (Mr Harrington) was in active negotiation with Mr O'Brien and Mr Dillon for the establishment of peace and union, and he actually mentioned to them his intention to send such a circular to the branches as the only means of providing for evicted tenants. He advises Archbishop Walsh not to commit his priests too hastily to a policy which would set up two hostile camps in every parish.—Mr Maurice Healy, M.P., has stated that both Mr Parnell's supporters and opponents are now fully confident of a speedy settlement which will unite the two sections of the Irish Parliamentary party and rescue the Home Rule cause from the difficulties which recently imperilled it. The terms of the *modus vivendi* would be announced in the course of a few days. Speaking for himself, Mr Healy said a settlement would be possible only on the basis of Mr Parnell's retirement.

MR CECIL RHODES AND THE CRISIS.

The London correspondent of the *Freeman's Journal* says Mr Parnell and Mr Cecil Rhodes had a lengthy interview on Saturday at the Westminster Palace Hotel. The conversation turned on the political situation created by Mr Gladstone's letter. Mr Rhodes was quite in accord with Mr Parnell.

SERIOUS TRADE DISPUTES.

The Seamen and Firemen's and Dockers' Unions issued a manifesto in Hull on Saturday morning to the members stating that after next Saturday they are not to work upon any vessel on which non-unionists are employed. A struggle between the unions and the Shipping Federation is expected. For some time past it has been admitted on all hands that sooner or later a struggle would have to take place between the Shipping Federation and the unions, and apparently the crisis has come at last.—An effort is being made to secure a federation of the unions of the shipping interests and the railways in connection with the dispute at Cardiff. The men state that the unconcealed and bitter antagonism of the Shipping Federation must be resisted, and, if possible, defeated, at any cost. The Shipping Federation assert their readiness to supply any number of men required in place of the men on strike, but the Bute Docks authorities prefer engaging men in Cardiff if possible. The Cardiff branch of the Amalgamated Engineers' Society have resolved not to repair any damage to machinery that may be caused by blacklegs, and the secretary has been instructed to communicate this decision to headquarters. The pickets report that a small gang of hillside men arrived on Saturday, and were taken to the docks, but, on realising the situation, they refused to work, and were got away by the pickets. Twenty bicyclists are acting as scouts, and conveying orders of the strike committee. The gates of the docks are barred, and only those proving that they have legitimate business there are admitted.

WELSH JOURNALISTS AND JOHN BURNS.

It being reported that Mr John Burns is expected, the Wales branch of the Journalists' Institute has called a special meeting to consider his conduct towards the Glasgow press.

THE DISPUTE AT LEEDS GASWORKS.

The men who are under notice to cease work at the New Wortley (Leeds) Gasworks repudiate the assertion that any of their number had placed the tin of powder, which was found on Friday, on the premises, and say it is quite possible for a foreign substance to get there by accident. There seems no doubt but that if the powder had been placed in a retort a serious explosion would have resulted. The police have the matter in hand, and the Borough Analyst (Mr Fairley) will make an examination of the substance found in the tin. Sixty old hands at the Meadow-lane Works have also received notice of dismissal.

WHAT PEOPLE OUGHT TO EAT AND DRINK.

HEALTH SOCIETY'S LECTURE AT NEWCASTLE.

The first of a series of lectures to be given under the auspices of the newly-formed Newcastle Health Society was delivered on Saturday night in the Lit. and Phil., Westgate-road, by Dr. Wm. Murray, the subject being "Eating and Drinking." Man, he said, lived on almost everything, as distinguished from the lower creation, which for the most part lived on one or two kinds of food. He classified foods as—first, starchy; second, saccharine; third, fatty; fourth, albuminous; and fifth, inorganic. Then he showed how these are transformed by the saliva, the gastric juice, the pancreatic juice, and the bile, into glucose, peptones, and emulsified or soluble fats. The outcome of enquiry was to show that if we want to get work and heat out of our food it must consist largely of fat, sugar, and starch. For muscular energy we require fat, sugar, and starch, and the albuminous group of foods are used chiefly for repairing waste, they produce little force and heat, as they deliver up but little carbon in oxydation. The pratical outcome of Dr. Murray's) arguments was that we eat far too much lean meat and far too little vegetable matter in this country. Our workmen can do more work on a diet of which the chief ingredients are sugar, and starch, and fat, than on beef or mutton, fish or fowl. In the case of brain workers a larger allowance of nitrogenous food is needed, but this again needs to be supplemented by a larger allowance of fat and phosphates, which, to his mind, were of paramount importance. Let him advise wives to study their husbands' food from a scientific point of view. If the husband was a strong man with a tendency to put on flesh and a greedy eater, his fare should be as plain as possible, and untempting as possible, so that he would be content merely to satisfy his appetite, or he would grow too stout and become lazy, and a burden to himself. On the other hand, if the husband was a spare man with a small appetite, they should study his taste, give him one or two tempting morsels, and make him eat his appetite, which, as the French say, comes while eating good things. If the working classes knew the luxury of a bath, and a change of clothing before eating, and the great effect of this on digestion, he expressed they should soon have an agitation through the country for baths in every house. The worker when he came home should wash or bath and have a good rub down, and change his clothes, and while eating he should indulge in pleasant conversation. After his meal he might to his advantage smoke one pipe, and then he might read his newspaper, or play a game or have some music. He should not sleep in the evening, because if he did he would spoil his sleep at night, and put everything wrong in his economy. To go to bed on a full stomach was bad, and to go to bed on an empty stomach was worse. They could not sleep well on an empty stomach, and if they did they awoke unrefreshed and exhausted. In conclusion he urged them to consider well the importance of keeping well, and of leading a wary life, obeying as much as possible by these laws of health. Let them not err, either by excess or deficit.

The Editor of the *Medical Annual*, after a careful examination of Cadbury's Cocoa, pronounces it to be both a food and a beverage of the highest quality.

Surplus Stock Sale for a few days only at R. Fisher's, 27, Linthorpe-road.—Advt.

Hats, Umbrellas, Shirts, and Gloves.—The best value and largest stocks try Snaith, 20, Wilson-street, Middlesbrough.—Advt.

TORN TO PIECES BY WOLVES.

Wolves are this winter causing great consternation in the interior of Russia and Finland. A few days ago in the Goverment of Kieff a young girl and her sweetheart were attacked by a pack of these ferocious animals, and the girl was torn to pieces. Her companion attempted to escape by climbing a tree, but fell down dead with fright. Curiously enough the wolves did not touch the inanimate body.

SHOCKING DEATH OF A WOMAN.

ROASTED ALIVE BY A PARAFFIN LAMP.

Early yesterday morning a woman named Isabella Routledge, aged 35 years, the wife of William Routledge, was burnt to death in her home in Leeds. About one o'clock in the morning all the people living in the square heard screams emanating from the house occupied by the Routledges, whose family included five children. Two men named Edward Hanley and James Hart rushed to the place and first saw several children frantically screaming from an upper window. The house appeared to be on fire inside, and there was soon a great rush of people. Hanley and Hart smashed a window and thus effected an entrance, and were horrified by what they discovered. Mrs Routledge's clothes had been completely consumed, and her skin from head to foot was hanging from her flesh. She appeared to have been sitting in a chair near to a paraffin lamp, which, overturning by some means, had ignited her dress. The husband was, according to the official report supplied to the Chief Constable, lying drunk in a bed on the ground floor, and was quite unable to help himself, much less to render any assistance to his wife. The two men lost not a moment in drenching the woman with water and in getting her into the house of a neighbour. She was afterwards taken to the infirmary, where she died.

A SMACK MISSING.

The smack Glance, of Brightlingsea, is believed to have been lost with her captain, Thomas Tellett, and five hands, off the coast of Holland. Her boat, shattered and water logged, has been picked up near the Skillings oyster ground, where she was known to have been cruising.

A MISSIONARY BARQUE WRECKED.

LOSS OF SIXTEEN LIVES.

The missionary barque Phoebe Chapman was lost on the coast of Tahiti, Society Islands, on November 30, and all hands on board, numbering 16 persons, were drowned. The vessel was bound for Pitcairn Island from Honolulu.

THE MURDER OF CARETAKERS IN IRELAND.

A Cavan correspondent telegraphs:—Last night the constabulary at Ballyjamesduff arrested a man named William Buchanan on suspicion of being the murderer of the caretakers, Patrick Reilly and his wife, at Lisacapple, a week ago. He was remanded for enquiries to be made.

A HORSE CUT TO PIECES ON THE LINE.

On Saturday night the engine of a Great Western train from Wellington to Crewe ran against an obstruction near Audlem. The application of the vacuum brake checked the train so quickly that the passengers were much shaken. On examination the wheels of the engine were found covered with blood and hair, and the life guards were broken. The carcass of a horse was discovered scattered about the line, cut to pieces. The passengers were much frightened, thinking the train had run off the rails.

THE CHURCH AND MR BRADLAUGH.

The Rev. G. S. Ordish, pastor of the Norton-road Congregational Chapel, Stockton, preached last night to a large congregation on "Charles Bradlaugh." After referring to the manner in which Parliament had done reparation to Mr Bradlaugh, he remarked that he did not think the Church should be the last to recognise the duty that it owed to Mr Bradlaugh. That was a strange thing for a minister to say, but he thought the Church owed a very great duty to him, and one which he was going to try and pay that night. The life of this remarkable man was clear enough, consistent enough. Keen eyes watched him in public and in private life—eagle's eyes by day, owl's eyes by night; but he lived perfectly secure—secure in his honesty. Proceeding, the preacher referred to prominent traits in the life and opinions of the deceased.

A GREAT FOOTBALL FRAUD.

THE LOTTERY TRICK.

The four men Fletcher, Mackey, Andrews, and Stewart, arrested in connection with the alleged extensive football lottery frauds, were charged on remand on Saturday before Mr Eaton, R.M., at Belfast. Owing to the fact that about 100 witnesses, including local aldermen and magistrates, have been subpœnaed, and that other arrests are impending; and the clubs involved have nearly all taken part in the competition for the English Association Cup at various times, the court was crowded.—In opening the proceedings, Mr Campbell, barrister, who prosecuted on behalf of the Attorney-General, said the prisoner Fletcher, who is an extensive jeweller in Belfast, and several other men not yet in custody, originated, early in 1890, the idea of making money at the public expense by means of ballots, ostensibly got up for the benefit of local football clubs. There was scarcely a county or town in England and Scotland in which dupes of these men were not to be found.—Several witnesses were examined, and prisoners were remanded, bail being refused.

BRITISH TRADE IN JANUARY.

The Board of Trade returns for January show a falling-off, which is not entirely accounted for by the recent interruption of navigation and the Scotch strike, and is, therefore, correspondingly unsatisfactory. The imports reached a total of £33,741,032, or a decrease of nearly 13 per cent. as compared with £38,143,850 in January, 1890, while the export total was £19,834,315, or a decrease of over 8 per cent., the figures for last January being £21,586,752. The estimated value of foreign and colonial produce was £4,389,802, as against £4,779,951 in that month last year, and £5,614,558 in 1889. On balance there is a falling off in the month's imports of £4,402,768, the heaviest decrease being under the head of raw materials for textile manufactures. The falling off in metals is principally in unwrought copper, iron ore, quicksilver, tin, and zinc. The exports show decreases under every head save one—chemicals and chemical and medicinal preparations. The effects of the M'Kinley tariff are shown in materially reduced shipments to the United States, particularly in the case of woollen and worsted tissues, cotton and linen piece goods, jute, hardware, iron and steel machinery, silk, cement, and haberdashery; while, on the contrary, there has been an advance in the value of tin plates and in the quantities of alkali shipped to the States. The following figures show the quantities of iron, &c., exported in the month ended 31st January, 1891, as compared with the corresponding months of 1889 and 1890:—

	Tons. 1889.	Tons. 1890.	Tons. 1891.
Iron, pig	67,408	69,459	31,079
—, bar, angle, bolt, and rod	23,148	17,949	17,089
—, Railroad of all sorts	81,124	96,631	51,159
—, Wire	4,705	4,727	5,607
—, Hoops, sheets, and plates	31,381	27,589	23,605
—Tin plates	37,678	32,168	39,427
—Cast and wrought	34,353	37,957	33,790
—Old for remanfr.	8,229	7,682	7,169
—Steel, unwrought	10,312	10,912	8,358
—manufactrs.	1,935	1,676	1,335

COAL, COKE, CINDERS, AND PATENT FUEL EXPORTED.

The exports of coal, &c., during the past month, as compared with January, 1889 and 1890, have been as follows:—

1889.	1890.	1891.
Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
2,226,505	2,259,069	1,912,423

As compared with January, 1889, there is a decrease of 346,646 tons, or 15·3 per cent., and as compared with January, 1889, of 314,505 tons, or 14·1 per cent.

The quantity of coals, &c., shipped at all ports of the United Kingdom for the use of steamers engaged in the foreign trade amounted to 538,093 tons, as against 685,581 tons in January, 1890, and 616,140 tons in January, 1889.

The imports of wheat for the month were 3,050,893 cwts., valued at £1,227,998, as compared with 4,176,321 cwts., valued at £1,605,735, in January last year, showing a decrease of 26 15-16 per cent. in quantity and 22⅝ per cent. in value.

NORTH-EAST COAST COAL SHIPMENTS.

The quantities of coal shipped from North-east ports during January show a decrease on the foreign trade of 146,363 tons, and an increase on the coastwise trade of 49,821 tons, whilst shipments from Welsh ports show increases in each case. The following are the figures from *Browne's Export List* relating to this district:—

FOREIGN SHIPMENTS.

	Jan., 1891.	Jan., 1890.	Inc.	Dec.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Sunderland	67,667	96,794	—	29,127
Seaham	3,730	3,800	—	70
West Hartlepool	8,464	14,569	—	6,106
Middlesbrough	2,310	3,656	—	1,346

COASTWISE.

	Jan., 1891.	Jan., 1890.	Inc.	Dec.
Sunderland	204,953	175,120	29,833	—
Seaham	19,978	41,596	—	21,618
Hartlepools	41,251	34,825	6,425	—
Middlesbrough	323	275	48	—

On the whole export trade the North-Eastern ports show a decrease this month of 96,542 tons on the figures for January, 1890, whilst the Welsh ports show an increase of 87,622 tons. The value of other goods exported from the local ports this month as compared with January, 1890, is as follows:—

	Jan., 1891.	Jan., 1890.	Inc.	Dec.
	£	£	£	£
Hartlepools	35,242	49,837	—	14,595
Middlesbrough	139,492	215,893	—	76,401
Stockton	475	5,312	—	4,837

DR. PARKER ON POPERY.

Preaching at the City Temple yesterday Dr. Parker said: England is supposed to have a Protestant Constitution, a Protestant monarchy, a Protestant succession. Yet she puts some of her highest trusts into the hands of Roman Catholics. How an honest Roman Catholic can want to serve a Protestant State I do not understand. I am heartily glad the Pope is coming back to England. That is just what is wanted. Only the Pope can now do us good. Our prayers are languishing for want of persecution. We are too comfortable. When the Pope comes he will bring with him a revival of Protestant earnestness.

SHOCKING ASSAULTS ON WOMEN.

A WELL-DESERVED PUNISHMENT.

At the Middlesbrough Police Court to-day a puddler named John Matthews pleaded not guilty to assaulting his wife Bridget and a female named Hannah Hanlon.—From the evidence adduced it appeared that Bridget had been married to Matthews some two years, but for nearly the whole of that time she had had to live apart from prisoner, in consequence of his violence. On Saturday night prisoner went to his mother-in-law's, in Hardman's-street, and there brutally attacked his wife and her sister, blackening both their eyes and knocking three of Hannah's teeth out. He also kicked them in a shocking manner about various parts of their bodies, and inflicted several serious wounds on their heads. Hannah Hanlon's face presented a frightful appearance, and she fainted after giving her evidence.—Mr Coleman, Stipendiary, said prisoner was a cruel, brutal fellow, and he would have to go to gaol for six months with hard labour.

A TALE OF LOVE AND MURDER.

STABBED IN NINETY PLACES.

At the Assize Court of the Seine Jean Bernicat, a commercial traveller, has just been tried for the murder of a woman. He had lived with his victim in a low lodging-house, receiving money from her almost daily, knowing how she obtained it. She got tired of his indolence and violence, and told him that she was going to quit him to live with another man. Bernicat went and bought a spring knife, and told her that the first time she spoke of leaving him he would have her life. She left him, however, but used to come back to him with money to appease him. He accepted these peace offerings, but on the 3rd of November he quarrelled with her for not bringing more, flew at her with the knife, and stabbed her, the indictment said, in ninety places. The medical evidence showed that she was alive after he had inflicted many of the stabs. A surgeon said the murdered woman was all gashes. When he had done the murderer cut a lock of the girl's hair, placed it next his heart, and went in a state of seeming agitation to deliver himself to the police.—The jury found extenuating circumstances, and the prisoner was condemned to lifelong penal servitude.

MR STANSFELD ON IRISH POLITICS.

The Right Hon. James Stansfeld, M.P., and Mr C. H. Hopwood were present at a Liberal meeting held at Middleton on Saturday evening. Mr Stansfeld expressed his conviction that the general election will result in an unparalleled triumph for the Liberal party. The first work of the Liberal party would be to give Home Rule to Ireland, and then the work of English reform, for which the people had so long patiently waited, would proceed apace. The position of Home Rule was not less strong to-day than it had been. Irishmen had proved by their acts that they were fit for the responsibility which the Liberals would bestow upon them. For the sake of a great cause they had sacrificed a leader to whom all Irishmen were under an immense debt. In regard to the constabulary question, Mr Stansfeld practically adhered to the scheme of 1886. He was also in favour of the settlement of the land question at the same time as that of Irish government, because it would be unfair to make this question the first to be dealt with by an Irish Legislature. What part of the question was left unsettled by the Imperial Parliament the Irish Parliament would of course have to settle, subject to the supremer will of the Imperial Parliament.

THE FRIENDLY SOCIETIES' CONVALESCENT HOME.

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern Counties Convalescent Home at Grange-over-Sands was held on Saturday at Durham.—The first annual report of the committee of management showed that during the nine months the Home had been open, *i.e.*, to the end of 1890, it had been used by 29 persons out of the 46 tickets subscribed for. There was a balance of £11 3s 5d against the Home, and the average cost of all in the Home was 8s 7½d per head, against the 12s charged.—The committee of management was re-elected, with Mr Lacey, of Sunderland, as president.—At night a public meeting in connection with the Home was held in the Miners' Hall at Durham.—Canon Body presided, and Mr Waynman Dixon, in speaking to a resolution of approval of the scheme, said the life of a British working man was of more value than that of a peer. Why did he, a good Tory, say that? (Laughter.) Because when an earl died there was generally another earl ready to succeed him, or, if not, there were estates and property sufficient to provide for his widow and family. But when a working man had his life endangered, there was nothing which so embittered the last hours of his life as the thought that his wife and family would be left to the cold charity of the world, or the still harder and colder charity of the workhouse. (Cheers.) Their Convalescent Home was well worthy of their support, and he was glad to see that, whilst from January to April of last year they had sold 16 tickets, they had in the first month of this year sold over five times the number. (Hear, hear.) The work of the Home was a really true and Christian work, and he had great pleasure in moving the resolution.—Canon Body and others spoke to the resolution, which was carried, and on the motion of Mr J. J. Robinson, a resolution inviting all friendly societies to take up the movement and send representatives to act on the local committee was also carried.

THE SCOTCH BLAST-FURNACE-MEN'S STRIKE.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SETTLEMENT.

Mr Baker, the President of the National Association of Blast-furnacemen, has just returned from Scotland, where he has been for some days having in his charge the strike pay for the week, and, in accordance with the desire of the men, to open negotiations with the masters. The strike is still proceeding, and prospects of a settlement are not yet bright, although the commencement of negotiations is looked forward to as likely to bring an end to the long dispute. It will be remembered that the first move was made by the masters giving notice to the men to quit their cottages, which are the property of the masters, and in consequence the men expressed a desire that negotiations should be opened up. Accordingly Mr Baker and the district executive arranged that two deputations of the men should wait upon the masters at the Clyde and the Shotts Ironworks. The interview took place on Thursday, when the masters were asked what terms they were prepared to offer. The answer in each case was the same—viz., first, that the men's demand for time and half's pay for Sunday labour was refused; secondly, that a reduction of wages to the extent of 20 per cent. must be imposed, and thirdly that the men must cease their connection with the National Association of Blast-furnacemen. Of course, the men at once refused such terms, and while in one case the masters expressed the hope of meeting the men again, in the other they advised them to sleep upon it. The offer has had the effect of hardening the men in the struggle, and rather than submit to any one of the three conditions offered they would doubtless fight to the very last, as the conditions of life were already felt to be unbearable before the demand was made on which the strike has arisen. However, it is thought that this move on the part of the masters is merely a piece of bluff, and hopes are still entertained that a mutual arrangement may be arrived at. On the men's side all that is asked is time and half's pay for Sunday labour, as has been paid for many years in all other districts, or independent arbitration. This is all that has been asked from the first. This the masters have refused, doubtless feeling that the alternative proposal must necessarily lead to the carrying out of the first demand. The masters are evidently intending to restart their works, for most of the furnaces which were blown out have been re-lined, and those which were damped down and bricked up to keep air tight have been opened out. The bricking-up, however, has been a failure, as in all cases the furnaces have been found to be out. In consequence of Mr Snow's incapacitation from visiting Scotland, Mr Toyn, the president of the Cleveland Miners' Association, has consented to do so on his behalf. Mr Carlton, the Cleveland district secretary, is also unable to go, owing to the pressure of work at home, and the hands of all the officials of the Association are quite full. Mr Toyn will go to Scotland to-morrow to address meetings of the men on strike, and to lead their battle for them. The following resolution, passed by the men after the interviews on Thursday, shows the reasonable and conciliatory spirit with which they are meeting the masters in the matter:—"That we, the blast-furnacemen of Scotland, pledge ourselves to stand to the resolution agreed to at the commencement of the struggle—viz., that we demand cessation of Sunday labour, or otherwise that we get time and half for Sunday labour, and that we hold ourselves prepared to receive and carefully consider any overtures or proposals the ironmasters may make to us to bring about an amicable settlement of the dispute, and that we are prepared to allow all minor matters in connection with the dispute to be settled by mutual consent, or any other conciliatory manner the employers might suggest."

Toothache.—Bunter's Nervine cures Toothache instantly by painless constriction of the nerve, prevents decay, and saves extraction. Neuralgic headaches and all nerve pains removed. Sleepless nights prevented by using Bunter's Nervine. Sold by all Chemists, 1s1½d.—Advt.

Keep the Doctor Off.—Buy R. A. Watson's Lambs' Wool Drawers, Vests, and Cardigan Jackets cheapest and best. Stockton or South Bank.—Advt.

Cowley's Presentation Clocks, Bronzes, Silver and Silver-plate, Cutlery Canteens, all of the Newest designs. 131, High-street, Stockton.—Advt

Coagulinе.—Cement for Broken Articles, 6d and 1s; postage, 2d. Sold everywhere.—Advt.

THE SOUTH STOCKTON CRUELTY CASE.

SIX MONTHS FOR THE FATHER.

Last week the South Stockton Justices committed a woman named Woods, of Bridge-street, for three months for gross cruelty to her children. At this afternoon's Court the husband, John Woods, who had been arrested at North Walsham, Norfolk, was brought up on a similar charge. He was also charged by the Union authorities with deserting his family. The latter case was proved by Mr George Sanderson, Relieving Officer, three of the children having been taken to the Workhouse. Mr Parkin prosecuted in the cruelty case for the S.P.C.C., Inspector Thompson also appearing in support of the charge. Evidence to the same effect as that taken against the wife was given.—Mr Parkin read the following extract from a letter written by prisoner to his wife last week:—"I wish I had Jack [the boy who gave evidence last week] in my hands now. I would make him remember the day of the month. But don't trouble yourself about him. Let him go to Betty Dye [the North Ormesby aunt who compassionately fed the poor children] and there stop, and let him be put into the Workhouse if they like, but they can't harm you."—The Bench committed the prisoner for three months in the cruelty case, regretting they could not give him more, and three months for the desertion, with £4 18s 6d costs, or another month.—Prisoner: I shall pay none, then, sir.

THE AFFAIRS OF A MATRIMONIAL EDITOR.

At the Old Bailey to-day an application was granted for postponing the trial of Leslie Fraser Duncan, for fraudulent bankruptcy, until next session.

THE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE OF A RIPON SERVANT.

This morning Annie Pearson, aged 19, daughter of Joseph Pearson, of Pannal Ash, near Harrogate, was charged at the Ripon Police Court with having attempted to commit suicide by cutting her throat with a razor on January 26th, under painful circumstances, fully described in the *North-Eastern Daily Gazette* of January 27th. Inspector Booth and Dr. Daggett narrated the details of the case, and ultimately the Bench handed over the unfortunate girl to the custody of her parents.

BITING THROUGH A POLICE-MAN'S EAR AT STOCKTON.

This morning, at Stockton Police Court, a young fellow named John Hart, a puddler, living in Ramsgate, who appeared in the dock without coat or waistcoat, was charged with assaulting P.C. Craggs.—The officer was last night attracted to Ramsgate by shouts of "Murder!" and "Police!" and found the prisoner on the top of his father on the ground. He tried to separate them, whereupon the prisoner jumped up at him, got his ear in his mouth, and bit it through. He afterwards hit the constable in the mouth—Craggs believed it was with a bottle or some other hard substance—loosening some of his teeth, and also struck him in the eye. Sergeants Liddle and Taylor went to Craggs' assistance, and the latter had to receive medical attention.—Prisoner, being an old offender, was committed for three months hard labour, with 18s 4d costs, or another fourteen days.

SERIOUS COLLISIONS IN THE THAMES.

Serious collisions occurred last night in the Lower hope of the Thames. Among others the steamer Caroline, from Grangemouth to London, collided with the Lambeth. The Caroline sank, and the crew were saved. The Lambeth afterwards collided with the Malvina, and both were badly damaged. The Lambeth has anchored off Gravesend with stem and bows damaged. Malvina was run ashore near Coalhouse Point. Lamport and Holt's steamer Delambre, from London to Rio Janeiro and Santos, sunk in the Lower Hope in deep water after collision with the steamer Schwan, of and from Bremen, which vessel has passed for St. Catherine's Dock with bows damaged. The crew of the Delambre landed at Gravesend. The Allanos is ashore at Hope Point damaged by collision. The Meggie s, outward bound to Cardiff, returned to Gravesend, and proceeded to Millwall Dock, with stem and bows damaged, having been run into whilst anchored in the Lower Hope last night by two steamers, names unknown.

ROBBERY AT A FOOTBALL MATCH AT HARTLEPOOL.

SMART CAPTURE OF MIDDLESBROUGH FOLK.

To-day at Hartlepool Elizabeth Barnett (27), married woman, of Spencer-street, Middlesbrough, was charged in conjunction with John Taylor, *alias* "Tottie" (21), French polisher, also of Middlesbrough, with stealing a silver Geneva watch, value £3, from the person of Miss Annie Fleetham, school teacher, of Montague street, Hartlepool. Prosecutrix, in company with some friends, was watching from the grand stand the football match at Hartlepool on Saturday afternoon between the Rovers and Northern, when she suddenly missed her watch. Mr Tom Blake, one of her friends, noticed prisoners hurriedly leave the stand, and immediately went after them, overtaking the couple just as they were passing out of the field. He accused them of the theft, and handed them over to Sergt. Ingram, who took them to the Police Station, where the female gave up the watch.—When charged to-day they both pleaded guilty, and were sentenced to four months' hard labour each.

LODGERS AND THE PHONOGRAPH.

A Dalziel's telegram says:—The preliminary hearing of a very interesting case was held before Judge Blauvert at New York on Saturday. Mr Emmond appeared as defendant in an action brought by Mrs Margaret Dusen for conspiracy and defamation of character. The facts of the case are briefly as follow:—Mrs Margaret Dusen keeps a boarding-house, and Mr Theodore Emmond is one of her boarders, the price he paid for his lodging and keep being five dollars a week. Mr Emmond appears to have been dissatisfied with the fare, and he devised and carried out a striking method of finding out the nature of the food placed before him and his fellow-boarders. Emmond placed a phonograph in the kitchen, and bribed the cook to set it working when her mistress was talking. This she did, and on Sunday last, after dinner, the instrument having in the meantime been brought from the kitchen into the dining-room, Mrs Dusen was invited to join the boarders, and witness an exhibition of the new instrument, which Mr Emmond explained to be a newly invented music-machine. He had, however, no sooner set the machine working than the assembled boarders heard the following deliverance in Mrs Dusen's well-known voice:—"Mary, you do not want to pay over eight cents a pound for meat anyhow. It is good enough for them. You can get it in Mulberry-street for that. You are giving too big prices for steak. If they do not like it, let them eat more vegetables. Yesterday you bought fresh pie. How often have I told you to save five cents by getting it stale and warming it up? Then this bill of twenty-five cents a pound for coffee is too much. Coffee at fifteen cents a pound will do in the future. I have got enough trouble to make both ends meet without feeding three men at five dollars a week on porterhous steak." Mrs Dusen sought the advice of her lawyers, with the result that Mr Theodore Emmond was summoned to appear before Mr Justice Blauvert to answer the charge of defamation and conspiracy.—After hearing some of the evidence Judge Blauvert adjourned the further hearing of the case until Thursday next.

THE ERRAND-BOY AND HIS "PENNY DREADFULS."

EXTRAORDINARY LETTERS TO AN EMPLOYER.

An extraordinary case was investigated at the West London Police Court on Saturday, when Owen Kelley, 14, was placed in the dock on a charge of feloniously sending letters to Mr Alfred Gittings, a surgeon, of Kilmarsh-road, Hammersmith, in which he threatened to murder him. He was further charged with stealing a card-case.—The prosecutor deposed that the prisoner was in his employ as errand-boy for two months, and left on Thursday without giving notice.—Four letters, enclosed in envelopes, in the prisoner's handwriting were handed to the magistrate, who read them. The first was received through the post, and was as follows:—"Dr. Gittings,—Your doom is sealed. You will die this week. Say your prayers. Worship me, Napoleon the Great." The second was received on the 4th inst., and bore the words "In memory" on the outside of the envelope. The letter was as follows:—"Hall of Death. We are ready, and we hope you are. This is no idle threat. You shall die before the week is out.—Yours truly, Chief, Sub-Chief, Secretary, King Death, Mephistopheles, Disease."—A death's head and cross bones were roughly drawn on the letter. The other letters were couched in a similar strain. There was a coffin sketched on one evelope, and the letter had the words "Last warning. We are determined, and this is the last warning." Then followed a drawing, in large size, of a death's head and cross bones. All the letters appeared to have been written in red ink.—The prosecutor spoke of finding gas escapes from holes having been made in the gas-pipes, presumably by the prisoner.—Mr Curtis Bennett wished to know how the boy obtained his ideas, and enquired whether he was in the habit of reading books.—The father said that lately he took a book from his son and burned it. Whenever the boy got money he bought cheap books.—Prisoner was committed for trial.

The "Penny" Diamond.—The diamond which was sold for a penny in an East End lodging-house has been claimed by Lady Maddox, who states she lost it from an earring whilst out walking.

All who appreciate a really good cup of Cocoa should try Messrs Fry and Son's Pure Concentrated Soluble Cocoa. Sir Chas Cameron, M.D., President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, says:—"I have never tasted Cocoa I like so well. . . . There are few who would not like this preparation." Ask for Fry's Pure Concentrated Cocoa.—Advt.

North Country News.

The Durham and Yorkshire Building Society.—This Society, as evidenced by the names of the directorate and *personnel*, as given in the advertisement in our columns, has had a favourable beginning. A substantial sum has been invested by the board and officers, and this will prove a great benefit to the borrowing members of the Onward Building Society who are desirous of becoming members of the Durham and Yorkshire Society. The borrowers of the Onward, whose properties are accepted by the new Society, will forthwith have the rate of interest charged to them reduced by one per cent. If a large proportion of the borrowers should avail themselves of the privileges of the new Society, it will considerably expedite the winding up of the Onward, and put the liquidator in possession of funds for distribution amongst the investing members.

Special!—You should try Willis's Hats, 1s Ties, Gloves. 25, Newport-road.—Advt.

S. Leach and Son, Picture Frame Makers, Carvers, and Gilders. Zetland-rd., M'bro'.—Advt.

Where are all the People going to? Why, to Pottage's Drapery Sale, East-street and South-street.—Advt.

The Northumberland miners' representatives at a meeting with the coalowners on Saturday last at Newcastle agreed to a reduction of 1¼ per cent.

Mr A. Sockett, Assistant Town Clerk at Middlesbrough, has received 30s from Mr Stonehouse, treasurer of the North Ormesby Church Institute Private Assembly, towards the s.s. Bear fund

Remember To-night at 7.30, in Newport-road Baptist Church, Rev. Isaac Levinsohn lectures on "His Rambles in Jerusalem," with illustrations, full of interest and instruction. Come and bring a friend. Collection at close.—Advt.

Tea 87s per lb.—J. Osborne and Co. are now showing on their counter sample of the above. The trade and public in general are invited to call and inspect this unique sample. Only on view up to 16th Feb. 30, Sussex-street, Middlesbro'.—Advt.

Meeting of Cricket Secretaries at Durham.—On Saturday afternoon a meeting of the secretaries of the various cricket clubs in the counties of Northumberland and Durham was held at the Three Tuns Hotel, Durham, for the purpose of arranging fixtures for the ensuing season. There was a large attendance, nearly every club of note in the two counties being represented. The full fixture list will be issued shortly.

Short-Weight Butter.—Robert Smith, of Great Broughton, was fined £1 and 10s costs, or a month by the Stockton Justices this morning for exposing short-weight butter for sale in the Market on February 4th. It was proved by William Creasor, Market Inspector, that eight pieces of butter averaged one ounce short.

Stockton "Old Castle" Cycling and Touring Club.—A cycling club bearing this name has been formed, having its headquarters at the Exchange Dining Rooms, 101, High-street, Stockton. Sir Horace Davey is president, the vice-presidents being Mr T. Wrightson, Dr. Beatty, Mr W. Ashmore, and Mr R. Roger. Mr B. Andrews is captain, and Mr Matt. Dunn, 29, Hind-street, secretary and treasurer.

Typhoid in Middlesbrough.—The report of the Middlesbrough Medical Officer (Dr. Malcomson), which will be presented at the quarterly meeting of the County Council to-morrow evening, shows that while there were 59 cases of typhoid fever notified in the town in December there were in the first 21 days of January no less than 148 cases notified, the highest number being on the 5th, when there were 24 cases. Since then the severity of the outbreak has been again abating.

A "Terrifier" at South Stockton.—This afternoon at South Stockton Police Court, James Carruthers, of Victor-street, shipyard worker, was charged with being drunk and disorderly.—P.C. Ford proved that on Saturday night defendant threw his wife and children into a state of great terror, rushing about armed with a carving knife.—Defendant had been previously convicted of an aggravated assault, and was committed for a month, with 5s costs, or 7 days more.

Memorial to the late Canon Kearney.—The parishioners of the Brooms (Leadgate) Roman Catholic Church propose to erect a memorial over the grave of their late pastor, the Very Reverend Canon Francis Kearney, who died at Darlington in November. A representative and influential committee has been formed for carrying out the project, the Rev. Eugene McGarrity being the hon. treasurer, and Mr Robert Kelly, Leadgate, hon. secretary.

Funeral of Mr Henry Maddison.—The remains of the late Mr Henry Maddison, who died at Newcastle on Wednesday, were interred on Saturday in the West Cemetery, Darlington, in the family plot of ground where six of his children are already buried. The *cortege*, headed by a procession on foot of the prominent gentlemen of the town and district, including the borough member, left The Lindens at noon for the cemetery, where the Revs. A. H. Hughes and E. Hutchinson conducted the burial service.

Annoying a Silksworth Deputy's Wife.—Feeling runs very high at Silksworth against the deputies who are working and their families, and on Saturday last a case was heard at Sunderland County Petty Sessions, when Ellen Laybourn, wife of one of the strike hands, was charged with using threats towards Margaret Charlton, wife of one of the deputies who are at work.—Mr W. H. Bell prosecuted.—Complainant said defendant used very bad language to her, and threatened to do her serious bodily injury.—Defendant was bound over to keep the peace, and pay costs.

The Fatal Fall at West Hartlepool.—An inquest was held on Saturday night at Hartlepool on the body of William Lory, chief engineer, who died in the Hartlepools Hospital from injuries sustained by falling into the hold of the steamer Glenarm, of Belfast. The facts have already been reported in these columns.—After hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict of death from injuries accidentally received, adding a recommendation to the effect that hatches should be put over the hold of vessels when work had ceased for the day. Deceased leaves a widow and family at Belfast.

North-Eastern Railway Superannuation Fund.—The annual meeting of the members of this fund was held at York on Friday last, Mr John Dent-Dent, the chairman of the Company, presiding. The accounts for the year 1890, which were submitted, showed a balance of £195,278 to the credit of the fund, including an accumulated interest fund of over £50,000. The number of members who had been admitted since its establishment was shown at 4,818. The number who had ceased to be contributors through resignation or otherwise since the fund was established was 1,145, leaving the contributors on the register at the end of the year as 3,673.—The report was adopted, and the various officers elected.

National Labour Federation Meeting at Consett.—A meeting in connection with this Federation was held at Consett on Saturday night, addresses being delivered in the Co-operative Hall by Mr J. J. Harris, secretary of the Newcastle Trades Council and organiser of the National Labour Federation, and Mr Hugh Sinclair, of Newcastle, both speakers setting forth the advantages to be derived from the organisation, and pointing out that the Federation did not injure any sectional trade society, but on the contrary assisted them in their struggles with capital, and when other societies became weak in funds the Federation supported them to meet their requirements.—At the close additional members were enrolled in the Consett branch of the Federation.

Tees Port Sanitary Authority.—The Medical Officer to this Authority presented his annual report at the monthly meeting this morning, showing that Inspector Jefferson had inspected during the year 1,517 British steamers, 453 British sailing vessels, 297 foreign steamers, and 185 foreign sailing vessels, besides 179 extra visits, giving a total of 2,631 visits. In 64 cases defects found by the Authority's officers had been remedied. The number of vessels actually visited was 2,452, which showed a great increase over that of last year, when the total was 1,513. The principal case of imported disease in the year through these vessels was that of small-pox from the steamer Romola last March, which the precautions of the Medical Officer prevented from spreading beyond the three members of the crew who were left in Middlesbrough.

Bishop Auckland and District Teachers' Association.—The annual meeting was held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, Mr Barnet (Shildon) presiding. Mr Spark (secretary) reported an increased membership and a small balance in hand. The election of officers for the current year resulted in Mr Dickenson (Coundon) being appointed vice-president, Mr Spark (Bishop Auckland) secretary and treasurer, and Mr Barnet (Shildon) as representative to the annual conference of the National Union of Teachers to be held at Cardiff during Easter week. The question of school attendance in the Bishop Auckland Union was discussed, and a committee appointed to look into the matter. The central system of instruction for pupil teachers was approved, and the committee were instructed to consider the subject, and ascertain what support school managers and School Boards intended giving to the school. It was also agreed that the Science and Art Department be memorialised to the following effect:—"That the same liberty of classification be allowed in drawing as in the other elementary subjects, and that in rural schools the subject be an obligatory one."

The Durham County Agricultural Show.—The annual general meeting of the members of the Durham County Agricultural Society was held on Saturday at Durham, Lord Ravensworth presiding.—The annual report, which was taken as read, stated that the sum of £50 remained on deposit in the National Provincial Bank, and the balance in favour of the Society at the end of the year 1890 amounted to £73 4s 4d.—It was decided to vote the usual sum of £100 as subventions to the District Entire Horse Clubs in the county, to be equally apportioned between the four clubs.—A motion by Mr H. Chapman, of West Hartlepool, to reconstitute the council was lost by a large majority.—Jarrow, Chester-le-Street, and Wolsingham were candidates for receiving the Society's show this year, and upon a vote being taken, Chester-le-Street was selected as the place of meeting by a very large majority. It was suggested that the show should extend over two days, and July 17th and 18th were selected, subject to those dates meeting the convenience of Lord Durham and no other shows clashing. Lord Durham was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year, and the other officers were also elected.

Tobacconists' Commencing Ill'd Guide, 3d. Tobacconists Co 186. Euston London-road.—Advt.

"Sapo-lini," containing Linseed Jelly, is a perfumed Emulsive Toilet Soap. Of Chemists.—Advt.

This Day's Commercial News.

Bank rate (discount)	3 p.c.
Market rate of disct., 60 days' drafts	1½ p.c.
Do. do. 3 months	1½ p.c.
Do. do. 4 months	1½ to 1⅛ p.c.
Do. do. 6 months	2⅛ to 2¼ p.c.
Loans to bill-brokers, day to day	1 p.c.
Rate for fortnight, loans to stock-brokers	2½ p.c.
Deposit allowance (banks)	1½ p.c.
Do. do. (discount houses)	1½ to 1¾ p.c.

The prospectus is published of Goodwin Brothers (Limited), a company which has been formed to take over the brewery business carried on since 1882 by Messrs Goodwin, at Newark-upon-Trent. The purchase price, which, in addition to the brewery premises, plant, goodwill, &c., covers 28 freehold, lease, and copyhold licensed houses, with seven freehold dwelling-houses, has been fixed at £40,560, and the registered capital is £50,000. This is divided into £10 shares, 350 being preference shares, entitled to a cumulative preferential dividend of 6 per cent., and 1,500 ordinary. The whole of the latter, representing £15,000, will be taken in part payment of the purchase money, the vendors further agreeing to take £5,000 in preference shares at the option of the directors. The list, which opened on the 7th inst., will be kept open until the 18th inst.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

11.20 a.m.

Money in fair demand at 1 to 1½ per cent.; discount rates for three months' bills 1¾ to 2 per cent.; market quiet. Consols lower; money ⅛ down. Rupee paper weak, 4's and 4½'s ⅛ down. Home railways flat. American dull. Trunks better. Mexican weak. Foreign bonds steady. Mines and Nitrates quiet. The principal changes since Saturday's closing are:—Home railways: South-Western 1½, South-Eastern ½, Do. Def., Caledonian, Great Western, North-Western, and Midland ½ down. American railways: Erie Pref. and Seconds ½, Kansas and Texas ½, Erie and Louisville ½ up, Illinois 1, Atlantic First, New York Central, Norfolk Pref., Northern Pacific Pref., Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Union Pacific ⅛, Milwaukee ½ down. Mexican railways: First Pref. ½ up; Ordinary and Second Pref. ½ down. Grand Trunks: Guaranteed ½, First, Second, and Third Prefs. ½ up. Foreign bonds: Argentine 3½'s ½, Hungarian Sc ip ½, Brazil Scrip ½, Italian, Spanish, and Turkish 4's 1/16, French 4½'s ½, Cedulas I and J ½ down.

GLASGOW PIG IRON.

Flat. Good business done at 45 8 cash, 47/2½, 46/8, 47/3, and 46/9 one month; now buyers 45/7½ cash, 46/8½ one month; sellers ½d more. Middlesbrough done at 41/10½ 17 days and one month; now buyers 41/6 cash, 41/8 one month; sellers 1d more. Hematite now buyers 51/3 cash, 51/4 one month; sellers 1½d more.

BARROW IRON.

Business in hematite is rather firmer, and it is expected orders will soon be booked. Bessemer in mixed No.'s 53/6. Hematite warrants 51/10; stocks steady; No. 1 reduced make of furnaces. Shipping quiet. Steelmakers indifferently supplied with orders for future. Rails heavy, £4 15. Shipbuilders brisk. Iron ore quiet at 10/6. Coal still dear.

MIDDLESBROUGH IRON SHIPMENTS.

Date.	Pig Iron.	M'f'd I. & S.	Total Tons.	Date.	Pig Iron.	M'f'd I. & S.	Total Tons.
Jan.	43,998	23,771	67,769	Feb. 5	2,270	2,107	4,377
Feb. 2	4,360	..	4,360	„ 6	4,033	1,139	5,172
„ 3	5,265	186	5,451	„ 7	4,030	1,840	5,870
„ 4	1,090	3,015	4,105				

LONDON PRODUCE.

Sugar: Pieces steady, firm; dried goods and crystals good enquiry; French goods firm; beet active, February sold 13/6; further buyers, 13/6¾. Coffee firm, futures easier; Rio, March, quoted at 75/3; Santos, 77/3 and 76/3 respectively; Havre, March, 101¼. Linseed oil, 21/10½ to 22/1½. Rape, 27/- to 27/3. Cotton, 16/6; refined, 18/9. Turpentine, 29/3. Petroleum, 5½d to 5⅝d.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE.

Sugar firm; No. 1 crystals, 18/6; No. 2, 17/9; No. 3, 17/3. Lard quiet, 30/-. Bacon quiet, 27/- halves. Petroleum steady; American, 5½d. Turpentine quiet, 29/6. Resin firm, common 4/7½. Cotton seed steady, 20/-. Linseed quiet, 23/-. Rape steady, Stettin 34/-. Tallow steady; Norths, 25/6; Souths, 28/6. Palm steady; Lagos, £24 5/-. Hemp quiet; Manilla 39/10 spot. Nitrate quiet, 7/10½. Castor oil, Calcutta 3¼d.

This Day's Markets.

London Corn.—Not much doing at Mark-lane: Wheat and other articles about the same as Friday. Arrivals (from January 31st to February 6th inclusive).—English: Wheat, 3,403 qrs.; flour, 19,849 sacks. Foreign: Wheat, 22,972 qrs.; barley, 2,843 qrs.; oats, 62,769 qrs.; maize, 8,131 qrs.; flour, 46,464 sacks.

London Cattle.—About 1,500 beasts, 2/4 to 5/-. About 12,000 sheep; quiet, 4/4 to 5/10. Calves, 3/6 to 5/8. Pigs, 2/6 to 3/8 per 8lbs.

Cork Butter.—Ordinary: Seconds, 123/-; thirds, 97/-; fourths, 91/-. Kegs: Fourths, 84/-. Mild-cured firkins: Mild, 112/-. Number in market—82 firkins, 3kegs, 3 firkins.

Glasgow Sugar.—Market opens with a good demand at firm prices; large business done. Official report:—"Active market, prices generally threepence dearer."

Manchester Cotton.—The Eastern demand is without improvement, and the same remark applies to the South American market. For the Continent, Levant, and colonial outlets there is, however, a steady distribution of goods, though not often in important quantities. Prices show little change, but the tendency has rather been in favour of buyers. Yarns inactive, and offers usually ⅛d per lb. below Friday's rates have not been accepted.

Grimsby Fish.—The supply has been moderately good to-day, about thirty vessels having arrived. Brisk demand at high prices. Plaice, 27/- to 30/-; level, 24/- to 27/-; lemon, 45/- to 60/-; soles, 110/- to 130/-; haddocks, 10/- to 15/-; whitches, 30/- to 40/- per box; turbot, 6/- to 15/-; brills, 2/- to 4/-; ling, 4/- to 6/-; dead, 2/- to 4/-; cod, 4/- to 6/-; skate, 4/- to 7/-; dead, 2/- to 4/- each; hake, 60/- to 100/-; dead cod, 60/- to 80/- per score; halibut, 5/- to 8/-; dead, 4/- to 7/- per stone.

This Day's Sporting.

NEWMARKET TRAINING NOTES.

Dull, foggy. On the Racecourse Side: Cannon's Benburb and Stourwick went two miles. Hopper's L'Abbe Morin and Royal Grace went a mile and a quarter. Mumford's Hark and Dry Toast; Sadler's Galivanter, Peterflower, Circassian, Testator, and Papyrus; Dawson's Belville; Marsh's Royal Meath, Oddfellow, Unicorn, Morion, Curlew, and Ammonite went a mile.

On the Bury Side: Ryan's Old Malt, Ireland, and Lover's Leap went two miles. Ryan's Evergreen, Carrick, Springtime, Patrician, Springbank, and Orvieto; Enoch's Workington, Pinzon, Patrick Blue, Houndsditch, Fontainbleau, Friar Lubin, King's Ev l, Salamis, and Grammont; Jenning's Gouverneur, Reverend, Dare Devil, Foghorn, and Cordon Bleu; J. Dawson's Roberto, Greenwich, Plato, and Wiseman; Peck's Grand Master, Golden Garter, Balmoral, and Appenzell; Sherwood's Arturo, Iddesleigh, Sheldrake, Old Coin, Sir Frederick Roberts, Experience, High Commissioner, Nunthorpe, and Penzance; Morton's Quartus, Snaplock, Rullianus, Harmony, Mortaigne, Pioneer, Lady Rosebery, and Tostig went a mile and a quarter. Waugh's Maypole; G. Dawson's Anthony and Morillon; Gray's Janissary went a mile. Gray's Rouseau Valarius, and Grand Prior; G. Dawson's Jessamy, St. Serf, and Memoir; Hayhoe's Le Nord, Bumptious, Heaume, Benvenuto, Clarion, Flibustier, Modele, and Haute Saone; Leader's St. Cyr went six furlongs.

WARWICK MEETING

SELLING OPEN HURDLE RACE of 60 sovs. About two miles over eight hurdles.

Robertson	1
Lucretius	2
Easterside	3

Four ran.

Latest Arrivals.—Irving Bishop, Father O'Flynn, Festival, Guardian, Shingle, Sesincot, Pop, Chirgwin, Pontheer, Banstead, Rattlesnake, Oak, Burton, Jesuit, Aladdin, Gladstone, Swaling, Richard Rawe, Mongrel, and Osman.

SHIPPING CASUALTIES.

(Lloyd's Telegrams.)

The British ships British General and Star of Italy, from South America, nitrate, are aground at Muchlenberg, River Elbe.

The Norwegian steamer Valund, Hamburg for Middlesbrough, ballast, arrived at Cuxhaven with her bows damaged by the ice.

The British steamer Batley is ashore at the mouth of the river Gironde; will probably be a total loss: crew saved.

A Macassar telegram states that the Dutch steamer Sumbawa was totally lost by fire whilst discharging at Skroc.

A Maassluis telegram states:—The British steamer Seagull, Rotterdam for Hull, sunk after collision with the German steamer London, Libau for Rotterdam. The latter proceeded.

A Hamburg telegram states:—Slight frost. A Reval telegram states:—Wind W.S.W.; ice all gone eastwards; thaw.

A New York cablegram states:—The Norwegian steamer Simon Dumois, New York for Matanzas, is supposed sunk off Absecum after collision with a sunken wreck; fate of the crew unknown.

TWO CHILDREN DROWNED IN A DRAIN.

Two children of a Lincolnshire labourer, named Bradley, were last night found in a drain at Sutton, St. James, having evidently fallen in while playing.

DEATH OF AN EVICTED PRIEST.

Father Ferris, parish priest of Castle Lyons, Cork, died yesterday in a Land League hut, which he had occupied for ten years since eviction by his landlord.

Theft from a Public-House at Hartlepool.—John White, labourer, aged 40, of Johnson's-square, Hartlepool, was to-day committed from that town for fourteen days' hard labour for stealing a pair of boots from the Bridge Hotel, the property of the landlady, Mary Jane Hall.

Serious Offence in a Coal Mine.—At Castle Eden on Saturday a young miner named Robt. Blenkiron was charged with two offences under the Mines Regulation Act.—Mr Dixon, an official of the South Hetton Coal Company, proved that the defendant on two occasions neglected to attach what is called a "coo" to his tub, and thus endangered the life of another workman named Davis, who, hearing the tub coming at a rapid rate down the incline, had only just time to clear it before it dashed into a prop and capsized.—Mr J. Wilson, who appeared for the Company, said he was instructed to press for the full penalty in each case, as the offence was a very serious one, and they desired to make an example of defendant.—Fined 20s and 13s costs in the first case, and 25s and 13s costs in the second, or two months' hard labour.

Temperance Hall, Dovecot-street, Stockton.—Herr Cohen will attend in his rooms daily from 10 to 1, 3 to 5, and 7 to 9, for a few days longer for the sale of his patent Medical Curative Coil. Note.—Entrance to Herr Cohen's rooms by side door only; Prince Regent-street.—Advt.

Colman's Sinapism.—The Improved Mustard Plaster, three for seven stamps. All chemists and grocers. Colman's, 108, Cannon-street, London.—Advt

Call on Horace Pilcher for seasonable Hosiery, &c. 27, Linthorpe-road, Middlesbro'.—Advt

The Wedding Ring.—When bought at Collingwood's, the old-established firm, the purchaser receives a handsome present.—Advt.

Marble Clocks.—Another large consignment just arrived at Collingwood and Son's. See windows. The cheapest house in the town.—Advt.

Ne Plus Ultra.—A Perfect Beverage.—Fry's Pure Concentrated Cocoa. Described by the "Lancet" as "Pure, free from added starch and sugar," and by the "Medical Times" as "eminently suitable for invalids." In tins only, of all Grocers.—Advt

Poole, Jeweller, Middlesbrough, has the largest staff of efficient workmen in the North.—Advt

For Cruets, Teapots, Knives, Forks, Spoons, and Electro Plate, &c., Poole's, Middlesbrough, is the best shop.—Advt.

No New Thing.—Sold in Middlesbrough nearly 20 years, W. L. Morton's 2s Tea. It suits the water of the district.—Advt.

Football.

SATURDAY'S PLAY.

ENGLISH CUP (Replayed Tie).

	Goals.		Goals.
Notts Forest	3	Sunderland Albion	3

DURHAM SENIOR CUP.

Bishop Auckland	0	Port Clarence	0
Darlington	4	Bishop Middleham	0
Sunderland A	6	Sunderland Albion A	0

THE LEAGUE.

Derby County	3	Sunderland	1
Preston North End	3	West Bromwich Albion	1

THE LEAGUE.	M'tch's Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals for.	Goals against.	Points.
Everton	21	14	1	6	61	26	29
Wolverhampton W'ds	21	12	2	7	37	44	26
Preston North End	18	11	2	5	41	13	24
Blackburn Rovers	17	10	2	5	47	31	22
Notts County	20	9	4	7	41	34	22
Bolton Wanderers	17	8	1	8	35	31	17
Burnley	18	7	3	8	43	54	16
Sunderland	18	7	4	7	41	30	16
Derby County	21	7	1	13	46	75	15
Aston Villa	19	5	4	10	36	54	14
Accrington	18	5	4	9	28	38	14
West Bromwich Albion	18	3	2	13	27	48	8

Sunderland have had 2 points deducted for not having registered Doig.

ALLIANCE.

Small Heath	4	Crewe Alexandra	3

ALLIANCE.	M'tch's Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals for.	Goals against.	Points.
Stoke	19	11	6	2	46	34	28
Sunderland Albion	14	7	6	1	42	18	20
Notts Forest	15	7	6	2	41	24	18
Walsall Town Swifts	13	6	3	4	23	36	15
Birming'm St. George's	13	6	2	5	39	35	14
Darwen	14	6	2	6	42	44	14
Newton Heath	16	6	2	8	31	45	14
Crewe Alexandra	14	5	3	6	43	42	13
Grimsby Town	13	3	4	6	17	20	10
Bootle	15	2	6	7	28	38	10
Small Heath	14	3	2	9	30	42	8
Sheffield Wednesday	13	2	2	9	23	38	6

Notts Forest have had 2 points deducted for not having registered Widdowson.

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Gainsborough Trinity	4	Rotherham Town	0

MIDLAND LEAGUE.	M'tch's Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals for.	Goals against.	Points.
Gainsborough Trinity	14	9	3	2	51	12	21
Derby Midland	12	8	2	2	30	20	18
Long Eaton Rangers	13	8	1	4	34	25	17
Sheffield United	12	7	2	3	24	12	16
Burton Wanderers	13	5	3	5	22	26	13
Burslem Port Vale	15	5	2	8	29	[illegible]	12
Lincoln City	9	4	3	2	23	10	11
Warwick County	9	4	1	4	25	[illegible]	9
Derby Junction	14	3	3	8	16	31	9
Rotherham Town	14	4	2	8	15	30	10
Staveley	15	3	3	9	21	47	9
Kidderminster	12	3	3	7	15	25	7

NORTHERN LEAGUE.

Stockton	4	Newcastle West End	0

NORTHERN LEAGUE.	M'tch's Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals for.	Goals against.	Points.
Stockton	11	8	0	3	36	14	16
Middlesbrough	10	6	2	2	26	12	14
Ironopolis	8	5	1	2	26	14	11
Sunderland Albion	6	4	0	2	18	7	8
Darlington	10	4	0	6	15	25	8
Newcastle West End	9	3	1	5	14	25	7
Newcastle East End	9	3	0	6	12	31	6
St. Augustine's, D'ton	7	0	0	7	7	30	0

SCOTTISH CUP (Final).

Heart of Midlothian	1	Dumbarton	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Paisley Abercorn	1	Glasgow Rangers	1

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.	M'tch's Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals for.	Goals against.	Points.
Dumbarton	9	8	1	0	33	8	17
Glasgow Rangers	9	6	2	1	30	15	14
Cambuslang	7	4	0	3	24	22	8
Vale of Leven	9	3	1	5	15	28	7
Third Lanark	4	3	0	1	12	9	6
St. Mirrens	8	3	2	3	20	38	6
Paisley Abercorn	10	2	1	7	23	31	5
Heart of Midlothian	6	2	0	4	14	15	4
Celtic	7	4	0	3	33	15	4
Renton	5	1	1	3	10	15	3
Cowlairs	8	1	2	5	9	28	0

Celtic and Cowlairs have had 4 points each deducted for infringement of rules.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.

Ireland	7	Wales	2

CLUB MATCHES.

Aston Villa	10	Kidderminster	0
Blackburn Rovers	4	Accrington	1
Brotton	2	North Skelton	1
Cambridge University	9	Casuals	0
Darlington Athletic	4	Stockton West End	1
Everton	2	Bootle	1
Ironopolis (M'bro)	4	Grimsby Town	0
Middlesbrough	4	South Bank	1
Middlesbrough Swifts	4	St. Augustine's Reserve	0
Newcastle East End	4	Sheffield United	0
Sunderland Olympic	2	Gateshead N.E.R.	2
Wolverhampton W'd's	0	Birmingham St George's	0
Whitby	3	Cleveland Amateurs	1

RECORDS OF LOCAL CLUBS TO DATE.

	Pl'd.	W'n.	D'n.	L't.	Goals for.	Goals ag't.	P'ts.
Sunderland	34	19	7	8	89	46	45
Stockton	29	21	2	6	102	41	44
Sunderland Albion	31	17	10	4	93	40	44
Ironopolis	33	21	2	10	105	52	44
Middlesbrough	28	19	4	5	94	28	42
East End	26	16	3	7	78	50	35
Bishop Auckland	22	14	1	7	69	40	29
Darlington	27	13	2	11	67	55	28
West End	27	11	2	14	67	65	24
South Bank	23	10	4	14	71	75	24
St. Augustine's	23	7	1	15	42	82	15

RUGBY.

	G.T.M.		G.T.M.
Batley	1-5-2	Oldham	1-0-2
Bradford	1-2-4	Salford	0-0-1
Burton	3-1-2	Broughton	0-2-0
Brighouse Rangers	0-3-4	St. Helen's Recreat'n	0-1-3
Cambridge Univer'ty	3-0-0	Richmond	0-2-0
Dewsbury	2-2-8	Leeds Parish Church	1-0-1
Durham City	1-3-5	Percy Park	0-1-4
Hartlepool Rovers	2-0-1	Northern	0-0-0
Harrogate	1-0-2	West Hartlepool	0-2-6
Harwich	1-1-0	Manningham	0-1-0
Houghton	3-5-5	Stockton	0-0-0
Halifax	3-0-4	Rochdale Hornets	0-1-0
Manchester	1-1-1	Broughton Rangers	0-0-1
Middlesex Wand'ers	1-0-0	Kensington	0-2-0
Swinton	2-1-3	Huddersfield	0-0-2
Tudhoe	2-7-4	North Durham	0-0-1
West Hartlepool H.	1-0-4	Hartlepool Rangers	0-1-2
Widnes	0-2-1	Wigan	0-1-2
Wakefield Trinity	3-1-2	Leeds	1-1-1

COUNTY GAME.

Westmoreland	1-1-4	Cumberland	0-1-3

INTERNATIONAL GAMES.

Scotland	3-5-0	Wales	0-0-0
England	2-3-6	Ireland	0-0-1

Shop Robbery at West Hartlepool.—To-day two boys named James Coates and Wm. Lawson, both aged 15, were sent to gaol for ten days, and afterwards to a reformatory for four years for stealing a silk handkerchief from the shop of Francis Wallace, draper, Lynn-street.

Brutal Assault on a Woman at West Hartlepool.—To-day Thomas Devine, labourer, of Florence-street, was fined at West Hartlepool 20s and 8s cost for committing a violent assault on Emily Cleeson, whose face was badly cut, defendant having struck her with a stone.—He was sent to prison for a month in default of payment.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

Jameson.—February 7th, at 27, Emerald-street, Middlesbrough, the wife of Mr J. Jameson, of a daughter.

Petrie.—On 7th inst., the wife of George Petrie, tug owner, Middlesbrough, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

James—Rummins.—On the 8th, at St. Hilda's Church, Middlesbrough, Henry, youngest son of Henry James, to Bessie, second daughter of Robert Rummins, both of Middlesbrough. 9

DEATHS.

Bell.—On the 8th inst., at 15, Queen-street, South Stockton, Rose Elizabeth and Sidney Stephen Bell. To be interred on Wednesday, Feb. 11, leaving above residence at 3.15.

Cuthbert.—On the 7th inst., Jane, the beloved wife of William Cuthbert, aged 57 years. Will be interred on Tuesday, the 10th, at the Old Cemetery, Middlesbrough, cortege leaving No. 9, Richmond-street, at 3 p.m. Friends please accept this intimation. No cards. 9

English.—On the 7th inst., at 7, Gloucester-street, Middlesbrough, Bartholomew English, aged 77 years. Interment on Wednesday, cortege leaving residence at 2.30. 10

Lister.—On the 8th inst., at 100, Light Pipe Hall-road, Stockton, Tabitha, the beloved wife of Thos. John Lister, aged 46. Interment on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. 10

Watson.—On the 25th ult., at Braceville, Illinois, America, Charles Watson, aged 51 years, the beloved husband of Ann Watson, who left Carling [illegible], England, in 1878. 10

Wilkinson.—On the 6th inst., at Bow [illegible]-terrace, Norton-road, Stockton, William Anthony, son of William and Eleanor Wilkinson, aged 30 years. Interment at Norton on Monday, at 3 p.m. 7

In Memoriam.

Nichol.—In loving memory of Mary Nichol, late of Stockton, who died February 8th, 1890. Gone, but not forgotten by her daughter, F. Bulman, Middlesbrough.

[Births, Marriages, and Deaths, when *prepaid*, are charged 1s 6d each insertion if not exceeding 16 words, and 6d for every additional 10 words.]

Fresh Cut Flowers, Wreaths, Crosses, Dress and Ball Bouquets on the Shortest Notice. W. Stre[illegible], Florist, Stockton and Middlesbro'. Telephone No. [illegible]

Cook (general) Wanted; two in family; housemaid kept. Apply 35, Stanhope-road, Darlington. 11

Clerk Wanted, about 16 to 18; good writer and quick at figures. Stafford Pottery, South Stockton. 11

General Servant Wanted. Apply Waverley Restaurant, 122, High-street, Stockton. 11

Housemaid Wanted, not under 20; also young Nurse-housemaid for same place; country. Apply "Gazette" Office, Guisborough. 11

Waitress (good) Wanted; must be able to wait in commercial room; also, experience Nurse for young children. Apply Buck Hotel, Guisborough. 14

Cottage Property.—Wanted to Purchase a few blocks of good Cottage Property in Stockton and Middlesbrough. State full particulars and price. James J. Bell, House Agent, 6, Finkle-street, Stockton.

Family Residence.—To Let, large and convenient Family Residence, West-end-terrace, Yarm-lane, Stockton.—Apply Stafford Pottery, South Stockton. 14

Lodgings, with Bath-room, Wanted by Young Woman, near Hartington-road. Address terms Box 99, "Gazette" Office, Stockton. 10

Several Sums of Money at 4 per cent. to advance on mortgage. Crosby, Farmer, and Crosby, Stockton-on-Tees.

Will the Parties who took the Seat from the front of 39, Newcomen-terrace, Coatham, return it at once to save prosecution? 11

Lost, Yorkshire Terrier; answers to "Simon." Reward offered on returning same to 4, Van Mildert-terrace, Stockton. 10

Found, on Sunday, a Young Liver and White Pointer Bitch; if not claimed in three days will be sold. Apply 2, Chrisp-street, Norton-road, Stockton.

CHIPS.

A prisoner costs the Government about £15 a year.

The present year, according to the Chinese reckoning, is the year 7,910,341.

There are declared to be 101,000,000 sheep in our Australian Colonies—56,500,000 more than in Russia.

Of the 4,200 species of flowers now cultivated in Europe, it is said that only ten per cent. give forth any odour.

The Czar's personal body guard of private police consists of fifteen specially picked Corsicans, mature and tried men. These have to keep watch in the kitchen and private apartments.

Prince Mohamed Burhaneddin, the five-year-old son of the Sultan, has just been enrolled as a seaman on board the Turkish frigate Orkanie, and the officers charged with the superintendence of his naval education have been appointed.

Our Parliamentarians are eminently inquisitive people. In the last session 6,919 questions were put to Ministers—3,076 were asked by English, 3,105 by Irish, 630 by Scottish, and 98 by Welsh members.

The latest invention is a paper horse shoe; it wears rough, and holds any sort of road. A groom who has been kicked in the stomach by a thoroughbred which was wearing these articles says that he could detect little or no difference from the old sort, and they are much cheaper.

No fewer than 6,000 convictions were secured in a year against owners of dumb creatures by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. In 85 per cent. of the cases, horses, mules, and donkeys had been the sufferers. Of these no less than 60 per cent. were due to lameness caused by bad shoeing.

In the State of Nevada the telegraph poles in the damp low-lying situations have taken root and flourished. They are of cottonwood, and planted with the bark upon them. In some parts of Java, too, a native tree is used for the poles, and this also has the property of growing, and thereby resisting the attacks of the white ants or the inroads of natural decay.

If we reckon the population of the globe at 1,400 millions of human beings, there would be room for them all on the frozen surface of the Lake of Constance (Switzerland), and the crush would not be so very great either, as there would be a space of four square feet for each person. If the ice were to break and the whole human race were thus to sink into a watery grave, the level of the lake would only be raised six inches.

Cardinal Manning has a strong aversion to the habit of snuff-taking. One day, as the subject was being discussed in a friendly conversation, the Cardinal, being present, expressed himself opposed entirely to the custom of seeking comfort from snuff, when one of his friends thus addressed him: "Is your Eminence aware that St. Charles of Borromeo, your patron and model, was devoted to snuff?" "Yes," replied the great divine; "I am also aware that the body of St. Charles lies buried in Milan in a perfect state of preservation with the exception of the nose, *which is gone.*"

A characteristic story of Mr Bradlaugh is told by one of the officials of the House of Commons. He was travelling in the North on the London and North-Western Railway. At Carlisle he found himself in the same compartment with Mr Bradlaugh. A conversation ensued, in the course of which Mr Bradlaugh admitted that he had been enjoying his favourite recreation of fishing. Asked what sport he had had, the hon. member replied that the fish were all right, but that his enjoyment had been marred by myriads of midges. "They were so irritating," said Mr Bradlaugh, "that I did not affirm. For once I perceived that there are occasions which require something stronger than an affirmation."

On the evening when Adelina Patti was engaged to sing in "Les Hugenots," at Birmingham, a curious incident occurred. The high-spirited Diva, just before the curtain rose, chose to take mortal offence at some trivial matters. Rushing from the theatre, she instantly took a cab to New Street Station, closely followed by the distracted manager, who in a last despairing effort secured a seat in the same carriage of the train which whirled her away. What sorcery he employed is not known, but by the time they reached Leamington he had persuaded her to return. A special train whirled them back again—they reached the theatre in time to prevent a collapse, and a minute later Patti was receiving the enthusiastic welcome of the unconscious and unsuspecting audience.

Marshal Canrobert, the great French general, is now in his eighty-second year. He is muchly stooped with age, and his face is underset with innumerable wrinkles, but his eyes are still bright and sparkling; his hair, which falls in silvery ringlets upon his shoulders, is still plentiful, and his colour still fresh. His white beard is now worn long and full, while the moustaches, that once stood out in waxed stiffness, are now drooping. He has probably seen through more fighting than any other living man, except perhaps Count von Moltke. He was severely wounded in the leg at the attack on Constantine more than fifty years ago, and was struck on the head and hand by a splintered shell in the battle of the Alma. Again, at Inkerman, while leading the impetuous charge of Zouaves, he was wounded in the leg, his horse being killed under him. He has more decorations than he could wear if his chest measured twice as wide across as it does, but withal he is modest as if he had never smelt powder, and accepted his unsolicited election to the French Senate as "a homage paid to the army in the person of the *doyen* of its chiefs.

One anecdote in Sir George Chetwynd's "Reminiscences" has reference to the Goodwood Stakes, won by Fordham, in 1870, upon Paganini, for which Mr Smith, the owner of the horse, was supposed to have given Fordham only his statutory fee of £5. Determined to be revenged, Fordham accepted the mount next year upon Idus for the Newmarket Handicap, leaving Snowden to ride Paganini. A short distance from home Fordham saw it would be a desperately near thing between them, and could not disguise from himself that Snowden's mount was going the better of the two; so, without looking at Snowden, he said, "Jer I'll have five pounds with you." Snowden lo to ascertain how Idus was going, as Fordham ' he would, for that was his artful plan ' his dangerous rival's attention for Seizing the second Fordham got fir won by a short neck. Riding bacl saddling enclosure at the top of the victorious jockey saw Mr Smith looking . but pleased, and maliciously determined him still more. So, leaning down to the b was leading Paganini in, he said in a wh loud enough for Smith to hear, "Look shar, think I'm a bit short of weight!" The bait t Mr Smith—hopes of winning yet by the disqua cation of Idus flashing through his mind—rush frantically into the weighing-room to watch wit eager eyes the process of weighing in. There h saw Fordham passed all right at the scale, and as the latter got out of the chair and passed Mr Smith he said with a smile, "Quits!"

The tea which has the honour of being drunk by Her Majesty is always bought at a funny old-fashioned shop in Pall-mall, and this has been done during her five predecessors' reigns, and was for a long while known as Earl Grey's mixture, he having recommended the present blend to Her Majesty. When she gives a dinner, fish to the extent of £50 is ordered, but for an ordinary dinner three kinds of fish are put on the table, whiting being almost invariably one of them. A newspaper the other day chronicled that the late Prince Consort delighted in a cold sirloin of beef and a bumper of Imperial Tokay, but failed to record the much more interesting fact that Her Majesty's favourite dish is a roast fowl, while as for liquid some good old whisky sparingly mingled with a mineral water is what the Queen rejoices in. A sirloin of beef is cooked every night, and is put on the sideboard cold for the next day's lunch, and the cheese, of which there are always six or seven kinds, is invariably obtained from one particular firm. Rumour asserts that the Queen takes after her dinner one water biscuit and one piece of cheddar, while the Prince of Wales eats a piece of Gorgonzola with a crust of household bread. The tea, as well as the cheese and the Royal bed, are invariably taken with the Queen wherever she goes. Her Majesty's wine, which is well known to be incomparable, is always kept in the cellars of St. James's Palace, and is sent in baskets-full of three dozens to wherever the Court may be, though this is more for the guests and the household than for herself, as Her Majesty (who formerly preferred champagne) now, when alone, by the doctor's orders, drinks very weak whisky and mineral water with her meals. At banquets, however, she takes two glasses of Burgundy.

QUIPS AND CRANKS.

Mabel: "How pale the moon is!" Josephus: "Yes, it has been out until quite late for several nights."

Tangle: "I suppose you have heard of Theodore Thomas, the famous conductor?" Mrs Tangle: "No, I don't think I have. What line of cars is he on?"

A company of settlers in naming their new town called it Dictionary, because, as they said, "that's the only place where peace, prosperity, and happiness are always found."

Wife: "Is there nothing capable of exciting your enthusiasm?" Husband: "No; I am sorry to say I once felt enthusiastic about something, and eight weeks afterwards that something became my wife."

Mamma: "I wonder what we shall call the baby?" Ethel: "I don't think we had better call him any of the names papa called him last night when he was crying. He mightn't like it when he growed up."

He: "Do you think you love me well enough to be my wife?" She: "Yes, George." "He: "Well, I only asked to ascertain how you felt on the subject, so in case I ever should want to marry I would know where to come."

Professor (lecturing on psychology): "All phenomena are sensations. For instance, that leaf appears green to me; in other words, I have a sensation of greenness within me." Of course no harm was meant, but still the class would laugh.

The nimf's white hands wear nestling in her mough
(It was the winter thyme and winds blue hie),
Around her deign tea kneck she wore a rough,
As with a glance of scaurgn she past me bigh,
"Of moughs," methawt, "on hand she has enuff,"
This hawty damsel seams not to be shigh,
Two know 'tis honour chicks they pasie and pough
Won knead not after awl be appal prigh.

A fellow named Dawson died bearing a hard character. The preacher searched in vain for something good to say of the deceased. He asked an old acquaintance of Dawson's what good points there were about him. "He had a good aunt named Hannah Hawkins—and—and—well, you'd better confine your remarks to Aunt Hannah."

He: "And so you're really going to marry that professor? You, the heroine of a thousand engagements! How did you ever come to accept him?" His Cousin (from Girton College): "Why, you see, he proposed in Greek; and when I refused him I got mixed in my negatives, and accepted him; and now I'm too proud to acknowledge my blunder!"

A LITERAL CUSTOMER.

Caleb Cushing, at an evening party, attempting to make himself agreeable, said to a pretty bright-eyed girl of seventeen or eighteen summers, and distinguished for her beauty and accomplishments in the circle of her young admirers, "Pray, Miss——, can you tell me how love begins?" "Why, with an 'L,' of course," she instantly replied, with a merry twinkle and a smile, discomfiting the distinguished scholar and statesman.

TOO MUCH FOR THE BABY.

Gushing Visitor: "Oh, oo ittleteenty weenty toozie cozie sing! Tum here and et me kiss its ittle turly tootsie-wootsie, oo itty pitty sing." School Board Baby; "I really beg your pardon, madam, but owing to what is perhaps a foolish prejudice on mamma's part, I have not been allowed to commence my language studies. I am very sorry, but I will have to ask you to address me solely in the English tongue."

STICKING TO THE TRUTH.

"James," said the milkman to his new boy, "d'ye see what I'm a-doin' of?" "Yes, sir," replied James; "you're a-pourin' water in the milk." "No, I'm not, James; I'm a-pourin' milk in the water. So, if anybody asks you if I put water in my milk, you tell 'em no. Allers stick to the truth, James; cheatin' is bad 'nough, but lyin' is wuss."

THROWN HIS MONEY AWAY.

Cosmopolite: "So you've been to Boston?" Rusticus: "Oh, yes." C.: "Did you go to Faneuil Hall?" R.: "Oh, yes." C.: "Did you hear Phillips Brooks preach?" R.: "Oh, yes." C.: "Did you go up to Bunker Hill Monument?" R.: "Oh, yes." C.: "Well, did you go into one of those five-cent stores and hear the girls say 'Caawah!'?" R.: "No." C.: "Then you have simply thrown your money away."

ANSWERING THE "GINERAL."

Lately, one of our best known generals, who has had the misfortune never to be on active service, was inspecting a regiment of militia. Passing down the ranks, he was struck with the appearance of one of the privates, and addressing him, remarked that he looked like an old soldier, enquiring at the same time how many years' service he had had. "Seventeen years, sorr," replied the son of Erin. "Dear me, dear me," ejaculated the General, scrutinising the man closely; "seventeen years' service, and no good-conduct stripes! Well, I never came across a man with such long service, and yet without good-conduct stripes!" "And I," muttered the private, "niver came across a Gineral without a medal before!" in a low voice, much to the amusement of his comrades.

LOVE AND HATE.

"I used to think that Gus Simpson was a real nice young man, but I just hate him now." "Why, what has he done?" "He treated me shamefully, that's what." "In what way?" "Why, the other evening at the party I said to him, 'Let's play the dear old school game of Temptation. If I say yes or no to any of your questions I'll owe you a box of gloves, and if you say yes or no you'll give me a box.' "Then what?" "After the party he took me home, and all the way there he talked just as sweet as could be about ove in a cottage, and men should not live alone, and all that. And when we got to the front gate he said, 'Fannie, I have waited for this opportunity a long time—will you marry me?' I whispered 'Yes,' in a low voice, and—and——" Here her sobs choked her voice. "And what did he do then?" enquired her listener, eagerly. "He—just—hollored, 'You've lost, Fannie; I take number nines!' with all his might. That's what he did."

THE DOCTOR'S HEN HUNT.

ain professor hates to have the subject of ationed in his presence, especially black l the reason of it is this:—One Sunday the professor, who is a doctor of divinity, ng himself in the High-street. Now the et is one of the most crowded and fashion- oughfares; as the doctor threaded his gh the well-dressed throng his dignified e a consciousness of uncommon merit. ed, however, that a rampant gust of wind ping up the street, stirring up swirls of ams; and whether it was the conspicu- on the professor's hat that caught the (for the wind has an eye, or how could il in it?) or whether it was the bald- professor's head made his hat slide off r, is uncertain, but certain it was that only hat that blew off. The professor er his hat; but everybody knows what trouble Mr Pickwick had to catch his hat, and the professor was not unlike Mr Pickwick in figure; so instead of having caught his hat, the latter had obtained a commanding lead before it blew up against the gate-post of a stable-yard. It so chanced that a hen—a black hen—was taking an afternoon stroll just inside the yard, and was so frightened by the noise the hat made against the wooden gate that she scuttled out into the street. As soon as she got on to the pavement the confusion of finding herself among so many people sent her in a flurry of dust and feathers—for hens always run the wrong way—out into the road. Once in the road she met the professor, and immediately concluding (in spite of his clerical attire) that he was there to hunt her, away she went down the road in front of him. Nor was her surmise as to his intentions ill-founded, for the professor was terribly short-sighted, and what with the dust and the heat and excitement of the chase he never detected the fraud that was being palmed off upon him, but started off after the hen as blithely as he had heretofore hunted his hat. But though a hat is hard to catch a hen is worse; and any healthy fowl can easily outrun a doctor of divinity. So down the High-street, with a stately throng of fashionable folk all agape on either hand, went this worse than Gilpin race; and while the hen kicked up the dust, and the professor's bald head went flashing in the sun, the undergraduates bent out of their windows on either side of the road and cheered pursuer and pursued, and laid long odds upon the hen. And in all probability the professor would have hunted that hen till sundown had not a carriage come up the road to meet them, when to his horror he saw his hat—his well-behaved, clerical hat that had sat quietly on his head every Sunday for the last two months—take wings and fly clucking over the crowded pavement to settle on a wall. And to this day the professor hates the man who talks to him of hens.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT TO A HOUSEWIFE.

PETROLEUM AND FIRE LIGHTING.

A terrible accident occurred in a village near Roubaix, France, on Saturday night. A woman living at the hamlet of Pont Rouge, on perceiving that her kitchen fire was nearly out, poured a few drops of petroleum upon the embers, and the flame produced immediately ignited the contents of the can, and a terrific explosion followed. In a moment the unfortunate woman was enveloped in a sheet of flames. She rushed into the courtyard shrieking for help, but when the neighbours had extinguished the flames it was found that the woman's body was simply one enormous wound.

A FATED APPOINTMENT.

Mr Manus Colleary, head-constable of the police in County Galway, shot himself through the head with a rifle in the Police Barracks at Galway yesterday. His head was terribly shattered, and he died almost immediately. It is a coincidence that the last head-constable of Galway poisoned himself.

THE COST OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

It appears from papers just presented to Parliament that the House of Lords costs the country close upon £71,000. This includes the salaries and pensions of the Lords of Appeal (£27,750), and is calculated after due allowance of a sum of £25,000 received in connection with judicial proceedings, private bills, and taxation of costs.

THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A SCHOOLMISTRESS.

Miss Edge, the young schoolmistress who was shot by her lover on Sunday night last week, is recovering marvellously. On Saturday the bullet, which lodged behind the right eye after taking a course from behind the left cheek, was extracted. The patient is none the worse, and there are hopes of saving the sight. Hall will be brought before the magistrates to-day.

A LONDON STEAMER SUNK.

THE CAPTAIN AND TEN MEN DROWNED.

A Lloyd's telegram states:—The steamer Chiswick, of London, Cardiff for St. Nazaire, coals, struck on Seven Stones Rock early on Thursday morning, and sunk immediately. The captain, mate, and nine men were drowned; the second mate and seven men were picked up by the boats of the Seven Stones lightship, and landed at Penzance by the Trinity steamer Alert yesterday.

GENERAL BOOTH'S SOCIAL SCHEME.

It is said that General Booth is in treaty for the East Shefford Farm Estate, in the western portion of Berkshire, in connection with his scheme for the relief of "Darkest England." A correspondent states that the position and general character of the property in question, which includes twelve cottages, a mill, and two good residences, are peculiarly adapted for the General's requirements.

A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE EXPLAINED.

The body of Mr Benjamin Thomas, farmer, of Milford Haven, who mysteriously disappeared some time since, was discovered on Saturday on the sands near South Hook. One leg was broken, and it was evident that death was caused by his falling over the cliff during the darkness and storm which prevailed. The whole of the money and notes he was known to have had were found on him.

CANADA AND THE FREE TRADE QUESTION.

A manifesto has been issued by Sir John Macdonald, Premier of Canada, in view of the impending elections in the Dominion, in which he defines the policy of the Government. With regard to trade relations with the United States, Sir John says the policy of the Opposition—viz., that of unrestricted reciprocity, or free trade, would mean discrimination against the mother country, and would inevitably result in the annexation of Canada by the United States. It would also necessitate the imposition of direct taxation to the amount of 14,000,000 dollars annually upon the people of Canada. Sir John makes an earnest and vigorous appeal against this policy, and concludes:—"A British subject I was born; a British subject I will die. With my utmost effort, with my latest breath, will I oppose the veiled treason which attempts by sordid means and mercenary proffers to lure our people from their allegiance to English rule."

MANUFACTORIES BURNT DOWN.

GREAT DAMAGE.

On Saturday a fire broke out in Messrs Tunnicliffe's dye and finishing manufactory at Rochdale. So furiously did it burn, that before it was extinguished damage to the amount of £10,000 was done. There was a large and valuable stock of goods on the premises, and only part of it was saved. The fire originated in a raising machine while the workpeople were at breakfast.—On the same morning a serious fire was discovered on the premises of Mr B. Johnson, steam crane maker, Bramley. A lad had been filling a lamp with paraffin oil when it was accidentally upset. A few loose shavings became ignited by the upturned lamp, but these were speedily extinguished, and no further danger was apprehended. Immediately afterwards, however, it was discovered that some papers inside the office were on fire, and the surmise is that the lighted oil had run down the joints of the boards of which the floor was formed into the office. Buckets were at once called into requisition, but the fire obtained a firm hold, and a considerable portion of the building and some valuable machinery were destroyed before the efforts of the firemen were successful. A number of workmen will be thrown out of work in consequence of the damage done. The building and machinery are partly covered by insurance, but the extent of the damage done has not been fully ascertained.

FIRE IN A CHURCH.

A fire broke out at Christ Church, Fulwood, near Sheffield, yesterday morning. Assistance was at once procured from the neighbouring farms and from Sheffield, and the fire was extinguished after burning the roof of the tower, the belfry floor, and clock chamber floor. The services were held during the day as usual.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT HARTLEPOOL.

£2,000 DAMAGE.

Early yesterday morning a fire which proved of a rather serious character broke out on premises occupied by Mr J. Dees, general dealer, Middlegate-street, Hartlepool. The alarm was given shortly after three o'clock by P.C. Bradley, who observed smoke coming from the front of the premises, and in a very little time afterwards the fire brigade under Capt. W. A. Smith was upon the scene with the Corporation engine. There was a good supply of water, but owing to the dense smoke which filled the narrow thoroughfare some difficulty was experienced in getting to work, whilst the fire spread with such rapidity that the building, a three-storey one, was a mass of flame by the time the hose was turned upon it. Fortunately, no one was upon the premises, which were exclusively used for business purposes, Mr Dees and his family residing in the adjacent High-street. The upper rooms were stored with a large quantity of inflammable goods, including fireworks and children's toys, which burnt with great fierceness and rapidly reduced the building to ruins. Both floors were burnt through and the roof destroyed, all that now remains being the outer walls, and these will have to be demolished. The adjoining lock-up shop occupied by Mr J. Proctor, ironmonger, was also damaged; and the Golden Lion Hotel, which stands opposite, also suffered to some extent. Fortunately, the night was comparatively calm, otherwise the conflagration must have been attended with much more serious results. As it was, matters looked so serious at one time that it was deemed expedient to send for the West Hartlepool fire brigade, who promptly responded to the call, but happily their services were not required, the Hartlepool men, who worked with great pluck and determination under Captain Smith, being able successfully to cope with the flames, and prevent their spreading. The origin of the fire is a mystery, but it is supposed to have broken out at the back of the premises. The damage is estimated at about £2,000, and is covered by insurance.

Given Gratis to all.—The following important fact cannot be too frequently impressed upon the minds of suffering humanity, that Mr Gould, E.B.P., of Bradford, has for some time past and is now giving the Hop Prescription for Bitters to all applicants who send a stamp for postage. Anyone in possession of this valuable prescription can for 10d make a quart of this Marvellous Medicine, and for 1s 8d can make two quarts, sufficient to serve two weeks. It may be interesting to learn that with this prescription all kinds of hopeless cases have been treated with success when all other remedies had absolutely failed. People who have been partly paralysed have been relieved or cured with this prescription, others have had their reason restored; people who could not sleep have had their sleep restored, others who could not eat have had their appetite restored, people who had suffered years with indigestion and its consequences have had their digestive powers restored; people who have suffered martyrdom with a disordered liver, nervous debility, &c., have been cured; people subject to an accumulation of wind and water have found it disappear under its influence. A gentleman at Lincoln, subject to fits fortnightly, has not had a fit from the first moment he began taking it. People troubled for years with constipation have had their bowels become regular under its influence. It is a choice, rare, remarkably remedy. The prescription is simple, it is cheap, it is good. Those who haven't sent for it should. It will be found safe, sure, and reliable in almost all ailments incident to the human frame. It is a tonic, alterative, and an aperient combined of marvellous curative properties. These important facts may seem incredible, but it has done far more than is here claimed for it, proof of which is sent with each prescription. Thousands are blessing the day the Hop Compound for Bitters fell across their path, and it is given absolutely free of charge to all applicants, rich or poor, who send a stamp for the postage of the same. A mode of self-treatment at home has been a long-felt want by all well-regulated minds, and will be found exceedingly advantageous to sensible persons who desire to know what they are swallowing. Address, Mr Gould, E.B.P., Bradford, Yorks. When writing, name this paper.—Advt.

Chloro-Linseed Cough Lozenges, post free, 7d. Of Chemists.—Advt.

THE GATES OF EDEN.

By ANNIE S. SWAN, Author of "Aldersyde," "St. Veda's," "Across Her Path," &c., &c.

SYNOPSIS OF OPENING CHAPTERS.

The first chapter introduces the family of the Bethunes of Auchtermairnie. Old John Bethune had two sons and a daughter. The elder son, Peter, was an ill-conditioned, blustering fellow, whose bullying and greedy nature had driven his younger and gentler brother John to leave the farm and establish himself in the neighbouring village of Star. Peter then exercised his loutish tyranny on his father, whom he kept labouring in the fields like any other labourer. Susan, the sister, was an honest but rigid and unamiable woman, who had completely dissevered herself from her brother John since he had married Katie Law, whom she chose to regard as beneath the dignity of the Bethunes. Katie is now on her deathbed, and in his great sorrow John Bethune sends for his sister, who, in an ungracious mood, journeys to Star, only to find that the object of her enmity had gone the way of all flesh. When Susan found that Katie had left two twin babes behind her her hard heart was melted, and she sought to comfort her brother in his great bereavement. She stayed with her brother and reared the two boys, who were named Alexander and James. Meanwhile Peter, who had arranged to marry Margaret Thompson for her money, had got possession of his father's property, and was now quickly driving the old man to his grave. The boys grew up widely different in character—Sandy being bright, clever, and rattling, and Jamie a tall, thin boy, with a face redeemed from plainness by the earnest dark eyes, which shone like stars beneath a broad open brow, indicative of ability and thought. Sandy was looked upon as the clever, intellectual boy of the family; and while Jamie was tied down to the distasteful farm work, his brother was trained for the ministry his father thought he would adorn.

CHAPTER V.

SYMPATHY.

Seventeen years had wrought a great change in John Bethune; his face was deeply furrowed, his hair and beard almost white, his figure much bent at the shoulders. But the keen eye had lost none of its old steady light, nor were his forces abated. He was still able for a good day's work, though it told upon him more severely than when he was in his prime. He turned over the leaves to the 119th Psalm, and sat with the book open waiting for Sandy. Strict discipline was maintained in John Bethune's household, and though Sandy was indulged in some things, there were others in which he dared not disobey. It was a grave offence to be out after nine. In about five minutes they heard the garden gate swing, and next moment Sandy dashed into the house in his usual noisy fashion, banging the door behind him.

"Make less noise, Sandy; your aunt's in her bed. It's a quarter past nine," said John Bethune, sternly; and then, without waiting for an explanation or excuse, he began to read from the ninth verse of the psalm. When the reading was finished he offered up his usual solemn prayer, every word of which the boys knew by heart. Many a time in their younger days they had puzzled themselves over his mysterious utterances, some of which they scarcely understood yet.

Directly they rose from their knees the brothers took their candle and went away up the trap-stair to the garret which had been fitted up for them when they grew too big to sleep beside their father. Aunt Susan, as of yore, occupied the little chamber opening off the kitchen. Directly they were in their own humble room Jamie began to undress; he did not feel in a mood for talking. But Sandy was in great spirits, and rattled on about St. Andrews, and about the college, and his future, till Jamie could have prayed him to hold his tongue.

"My word, Jamie, it'll be a great difference to me living at St. Andrews. It's very slow for a fellow here when he knows as much as me," he said, in his boastful way. "Some day when you're not busy you must get father to let you come to St. Andrews, and I'll show you the sights. It's a bonnie town. Do you not wish you were me?"

"No. I'm sleepy. Be quiet," said Jamie, rather sourly. "You haven't to rise at five. Blow out the candle."

Not for worlds would Jamie have submitted to his brother that he envied him his privileges, and that he found it so hard to wish him well. The lad had two enemies to contend with—his own discontent and his bitterness against his brother, who he knew regarded him with a species of good-natured contempt. Sandy blew out the candle and discreetly crept into bed. When he saw Jamie vexed he always held his peace, because he knew that something serious was at the bottom of it.

"I'm vexed I was so short, Sandy," said Jamie, by-and-bye, after a brief, sharp struggle with himself. "I hope you'll get on, and win a lot of prizes at St. Andrews, and get a grand kirk after you're through."

"I'll try, man; and, of course, whatever happens, you and I will always be the same. And you'll come and stay with me at my manse, perhaps, when somebody you know is a minister's wife," said Sandy, in an unusual burst of confidence.

"We'll see," said Jamie, with a laugh. So, friends once more, they turned over and fell asleep.

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"What's Sandy saying to-day?" enquired Susan Bethune one fine summer morning when her brother entered the house with his student son's weekly letter in his hand. The old man's face was so radiant, his manner so excited and eager, that involuntarily Susan put more interest than usual into her question.

"Grand news, Susan. He's got a bursary worth thirty pounds a year for two years. I knew it was in the lad. I wouldn't wonder to see him principal of St. Mary's yet!" exclaimed John Bethune, and, reaching his spectacles, he proceeded to read out the letter to his sister, pausing every minute or so to call her attention to the beautiful flourishes in the handwriting and the fine construction of the letter. It was a touching and beautiful thing to see the old man's pride in his boy's accomplishments and success; there were actually tears in his eyes as he read and re-read the precious epistle; and, seeing that, Susan Bethune was struck to the heart by a strange sense of uneasiness which was almost pain.

"Oh, but you are bound up in Sandy, John," she said, and almost unconsciously she shook her head as she spoke.

"It's not a sinful pride, Susan. I don't put him before his Maker," said John Bethune, half arrested by her words. "And I have reason to be proud. Do you not think so?"

"Ay; he's a wonderful child for head-work," Susan admitted, and her eyes wandered to the window, from which she could see Jamie with his scythe in the grass field. The thought in her mind at the moment was whether Jamie might not have done as well had he had his brother's chance. Susan Bethune was a woman who kept her own counsel, and never spoke unless with good reason; but, for all that, she had observed and resented the distinction her brother had made between his boys all their lives. She supposed Sandy lay nearest his father's heart because of his close resemblance to Katie, and she did not blame him for that. Susan Bethune was very tender now in all her thoughts of her brother's dead wife. But she did wonder that a Christian man, and an elder in the kirk, should be so indulgent to the one, and so hard upon the other, who, like the elder brother of Holy Writ, was always with him, labouring for his good early and late. Not that Sandy could be compared to the prodigal by any means—only he had always been more of a care and trouble to his folk, falling far short of Jamie in obedience and willingness to do what was required of him. Jamie was Aunt Susan's favourite, and out of her deep love she watched him when he thought he was least observed, until she had arrived at a pretty correct conclusion concerning him. She saw him restless and discontented even when he made least sign; she watched the gradual decay of interest in the croft, the loss of that cheerful readiness to perform and even to anticipate all his father's desires, and her heart grew very heavy about the lad. She never dreamed of uttering her sympathy, or of seeking to win his confidence. She belonged to a stern, undemonstrative race, who deemed any exhibition of the finer feelings a sign of weakness; nevertheless her dumb compassion and silent sympathy found vent in ways of their own, such as little attentions paid to his creature comforts, and little gifts now and again, which rather surprised Jamie, though he did not in the least understand the motive which prompted his aunt to bestow them.

"He'll be home next week, he says, for two or three days," said John Bethune, presently. There's more news than the bursary in it. He's got what he calls a holiday engagement to go to the Highlands to tutor a gentleman's two sons. They're at school in St. Andrews, and their father doesn't wish them to forget all their lessons in the holidays, so he has hired Sandy to keep them at them, and go about with them in the holidays. It will be a fine thing for him, but I was counting on having him at home for two months at least."

"Yes," said Susan; for somehow she felt relieved to hear that Sandy was not to spend the long vacation at home. For he would go about like a gentleman, giving himself doubtless many airs on account of his success, while Jamie would be in the midst of the harvest. In her jealous love for her favourite, Susan Bethune was perhaps a trifle hard upon Sandy.

"I'll go and tell Jamie. He'll be as proud as a prince," said John Bethune, rising; and Susan watched him go down the fields, and saw Jamie leaning on his scythe while his father imparted his grand news of Sandy's success. Then, suddenly recollecting how she was putting off her time, she began to prepare the vegetables for the broth in rather an abstracted fashion, for the interests clustering about her brother's sons were very absorbing that morning. While she was thus engaged, John returned not looking quite so well pleased as when he went out.

"Jamie's a queer lad, Susan," he said rather drily. "Give him work, and it's all he cares about. He had hardly a word to say over Sandy's fortune. There's a great difference between them."

"Not so much as you think, John," Susan was tempted to say. "Don't let your pride in the one blind you to any good in the other."

"No, no; Jamie's a good, honest, hard-working fellow. Poor chap, it's not his fault he hasn't a head like his brother," said John Bethune, placidly. "It's a wise ordination of Providence that there should be folk for all things. Jamie can make a very good living here, as I've done before him. But I'll go up and tell David Campbell. They'll be as pleased as ourselves."

So saying, the old man put his letter and his spectacles in his breast pocket, and went away to get the kindly neighbours at the Knowe to share in his joy. Very often that forenoon did Susan Bethune look through the little window and across the fields to the pasture where Jamie was employed. She saw that he was making little progress, and that very often he stood quite still, as if absorbed in thought. And her heart grew heavier still about the young man. When he came in to dinner she looked kindly at him, but did not mention the bursary to him; but it was the old man's whole talk during the dinner hour, and again at tea-time, and Susan Bethune saw that Jamie's interest in the matter was forced.

"Where are you going, Jamie?" she asked, when he was leaving the house again after work hours. "I was wondering if you would go over to Auchtermairnie with me to-night. Robert Tullis, the baker, brought word that your uncle Peter's wife is very ill. I must go over and see her."

"I'll not go to-night, auntie, unless you want me very much," said Jamie, who was always kind and considerate to his aunt.

"Are you not well, my man?" she asked, kindly.

"I'm quite well. I'm going over the moss, perhaps as far as Kirkforthar," answered Jamie. "But if you want me to go with you I'll go."

"I'm not particular, but I don't like you to go about so sad-like alone. You're not half so cheery as you used to be."

He smiled a dreary smile and vanished, knowing that in another moment he would forget his eighteen years, and give way to tears. We have all known such weak moments—have felt at times that the four walls of a house could not hold us. We have had experiences in which uttered sympathy could not reach us, when we have only found strength in the wideness of the pitying skies, comfort in the dumb sympathy of the stars.

(*To be continued.*)

WHOSE WAS THE HAND?

By Miss Braddon, Author of "Lady Audley's Secret," "Like and Unlike," "The Day Will Come," &c.

CHAPTER IX.

A WOMAN WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN HAPPY.

Gilbert Florestan, who came of age a few months before Robert Hatrell's death, was still a bachelor. He saw his twenty-eighth birthday approaching, and he saw himself no nearer matrimony than when he was twenty-one. His life in the interval had been eventful, and he felt older than his years. He had entered the diplomatic service under the best possible auspices, with family interest and collegiate honours in his favour. He had travelled much, and had spent the brightest years of his youth in vagrant diplomacy, passing from one legation to another. He had loved, and he had suffered; and now, at twenty-eight, having, as he believed, got beyond the passions and illusions of youth, he was established in Paris as an idler by profession, well looked upon in the best society of the dazzling capital, and not unacquainted with the worst.

He was not rich, as wealth is counted nowadays, when hardly any man under a millionaire presumes to consider himself comfortably off. He had bread and cheese; that is to say, landed property which brought him, nominally, two thousand five hundred a year, actually about seventeen hundred. He was not ambitious. He had lost father and mother before he was fifteen years of age, and he had none but distant relations. The stimulus to effort which paternal pride and maternal love might have afforded was in his case wanting. He had no sister to interest herself in his endeavours and to exult in his triumphs. He had no brother to rouse the spirit of emulation in his sluggish temperament. He told himself that he stood alone in the world, and that it mattered very little what became of him—that he might go his own way, whether to blessedness or to ruin, without hurting anybody but himself.

This sense of isolation had tended towards cynicism. He saw the world in which he lived in its worst aspect, and cultivated a low opinion of his fellow-men—and women, since one never-to-be-forgotten April night in Florence, when, standing in a moonlit garden, he heard a woman's careless speech from an open window just above his head—speech which told him with bitter unreserve that the woman he had worshipped as more than half a saint was an audacious and remorseless sinner.

The words told him that the woman he was pursuing with adoring and all-confiding love was the mistress of another man—that if she were to yield to his prayers and marry him—a question which she was now debating with her lover—the marriage would be a simple matter of convenience, and the lover would not be the less beloved, or the less favoured.

"For thee, Carissimo, it would be always the same," said the silver voice; and the music of the waltz in the adjoining ball-room seemed to take up the strain. "Always the same—always the same."

Florestan waited to hear no more. He did not write her a letter.

"I know you; good-bye."

Those five words were all the explanation or farewell which he deigned to send her. He wrote them in his bold strong hand upon a sheet of Bath post, and wrapped it round the packet of her letters. Then he packed them in another sheet, and sealed them with the seal which had been set upon so many an ardent outpouring of his passionate heart.

Yes, he had loved her, with all the fire and freshness of three-and-twenty—with all the romantic fervour of a mind fed upon classic Greek, and steeped in Italian poetry. He had come to Florence a romantic youth, he left Florence a blasé man of the world; and yet now, five years after, in this bustling cosmopolitan and distinctly modern Paris, the very thought of those old palaces in which he had danced with her, those old gardens where they had sat in the moonlight, thrilled him with the bitter-sweet memory of a dream and a delusion that had been dearer than words can tell.

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He had not been at Fountainhead, his birthplace by the river, except for a week or a fortnight at a time, since he came of age, and sold the meadows adjoining River Lawn to Robert Hatrell. Paris suited his cynical temper at eight-and-twenty; a city through which the whole civilised world passed and repassed; the vestibule of Europe, the playground of America; a city in which a man who only wanted to look on at the life drama could have ample opportunity to study the varieties of mankind, nationalities, professions, wealth, and penury.

Mr Florestan had a fourth floor in the Champs Elysées, an apartment which he spoke of jocosely as his bower. Nominally the fourth, it was practically the fifth floor, and the balcony commanded a bird's eye view of the city, a vast panorama of white walls and grey and red roofs, through which wound the serpentine folds of the dark blue river.

Here Gilbert Florestan lived his own life, received the few intimate friends he cared about, and shut out all the great category of bores. In the polite world of Paris he was known as a well-born Englishman whose commanding presence and handsome face were distinctly ornamental in any salon, and he was welcomed accordingly with Parisian effusion, which he knew meant very little. In the demi-monde he was known as a young man who had outlived his illusions, and in that half world he was a more important figure than in the salons of the great. It must be owned that he had a preference for Bohemian society, with all its accidents and varieties, its brilliant reputations of to-day, its sudden disappearances of to-morrow, its frank revelations, its absence of all reserve.

He painted cleverly, in a sketchy style, after the manner of the impressionists, and he was very fond of Art. Music and the Drama had also an inexhaustible charm for him, and he loved those out-of-the-way nooks and corners of the Art World where dwell the men and women whose talents have won but scanty appreciation from the great public, and who have never been spoiled or Philistinised by large monetary rewards.

It was at a musical evening on a third floor in the Rue des Saints Pères that Florestan met two women, in whom he felt keenly interested at first sight. They were mother and daughter. The mother was distinguished looking, and had once been handsome; the daughter was eminently beautiful. They were Spaniards, natives of Granada. The elder lady described herself as the widow of a General Officer Felix Quijada, who died when her only child, Dolores, was an infant. She had migrated to Paris soon after her husband's death, and had lived there ever since. Mother and daughter were both dressed in black with an elegant simplicity which did not forbid the use of valuable lace and gems.

Nowhere, however, could diamonds have shown to greater advantage than on the ivory whiteness of Madle Dolores di Quijada's swan like neck. Nowhere had Florestan seen a lovelier complexion or finer eyes; but that which attracted him most in the Spanish girl's face was her resemblance to the woman he had loved, the woman who had deceived him, and well-nigh broken his heart. He was interested in her at first sight, and he begged to be introduced to her and her mother.

Madame Duturque, the giver of the party, was the wife of a musical man who had written a successful opera twenty years before, succeeded by several unsuccessful ones, and who now made a somewhat scanty living by giving pianoforte lessons and publishing occasional compositions.

The Spanish beauty and her mother were accidental acquaintances, met at Boulogne-sur-Mer the previous summer.

"Are they not charming?" the little woman asked Florestan. "They are of a very old Castilian family. A Quijada was secretary or something to Charles the Fifth, and I know they are rich, though they live in a very simple style on a second floor in the Rue Saint Guillaume."

"The young lady's diamonds look like wealth, most assuredly," replied Florestan; but how comes it that so lovely a woman, and not without a *dot*, should be unmarried at five or six and twenty? She looks quite as old as that."

"Oh, she has had offers and offers. She is tired of admiration and pursuit. Her mother has talked to me of the grand opportunities she has thrown away. She is capricious—a spoiled child. She does what she likes, and her mother is too fond of her to oppose her in anything. They adore each other. It is a most touching spectacle to see them in their modest interior."

"The mother looks as if she could hate as well as love," said Florestan; "there are some resolute lines about those lips and that prominent chin."

"Quite the patrician air, has she not, and remarkably well preserved too," said Madame, who was proud of her guests and their diamonds. It was not often such diamonds had appeared on the third floor over a bootmaker's shop in the Rue des Saints Pères.

Shortly afterwards, Florestan contrived to get a little conversation with Mdlle. Quijada.

Her manners were certainly distinguished. She had a reposeful air which contrasted agreeably with that Parisian vivacity which Florestan knew by heart. He had a shrewd suspicion that she was unhappy; that the diamonds and the adoring mother did not altogether suffice for happiness. There was a pained look sometimes about the lovely, sensuous lips; there was a droop in the sculptured eyelids which suggested weariness, weariness of life and of the world perhaps, or it might be that self-contempt which springs from the consciousness of a false position.

He was struck with her and interested in her, but she awakened no tender emotion in his breast, no thrill of passion in his veins.

"What do you think of those two?" asked a young portrait painter with whom Florestan was intimate, as the Spanish ladies left the salon.

"I take them to be women with a history."

"Yes, and a dark one. Madame Duturque is an angel of benevolence and simplicity, and all he wandering lights are of purest lustre. She has entertained a good many demons unawares, and I fancy in Madame Quijada she has got hold of a very diabolical specimen. The daughter is a victim—the mother is a devil of cunning and unscrupulous greed! Did you see the diamonds they wore? Those are the price of a woman's soul. The daughter has been sold to the highest bidder, and the mother has been the huxter. That woman would do anything for gain."

Florestan lost no time in availing himself of Madame Quijada's invitation to visit her. He went to the Rue Saint Guillaume on the following Thursday evening, between eight and nine, very curious to see what kind of home the Spaniard and her daughter had made for themselves in the wilderness of Paris.

The house in which they lived was one of the oldest and possibly one of the largest in the old-fashioned street. It was assuredly one of the most gloomy, a house with a stone courtyard, screened from the street by a high wall. The porter who answered his summons informed him that Madame Quijada's door was on the left side of the second-floor landing, but vouchsafed no further attention, and he groped his way upward between the dim lamplight in the vestibule and the still fainter light of a lamp on the first floor. The second floor had only the borrowed light from below, and he was but just able to distinguish the handle of the door bell.

He was surprised at the door being opened by an elderly man in livery—a very sober livery—who had the air of an old retainer, and who conducted him through a lobby and an ante-room to a spacious saloon, where he found the two ladies seated, with a third who sat in a corner somewhat overshadowed by the projecting chimney-piece, a woman of any age between thirty and forty, whose pale face and premature grey hair attracted Florestan's attention. Seldom, if ever, had he seen a countenance which bore in its every line so striking an evidence of past sorrow.

"That woman with the iron-grey hair must have suffered as very few women are called upon to suffer," he told himself.

The beautiful Dolores was seated on a sofa on the opposite side of the hearth, fanning herself with a languid grace which brought into play the beauty of her hand and the brilliancy of her diamond rings, and listening, or pretending to listen, to the animated talk of a man whom Florestan recognised as the celebrated journalist and novelist, Francois de Lornerac.

A *petit crève* of two or three and twenty, who sat on a pouf near the sofa, lost in admiration of the lady's beauty and the journalist's wit, completed the party.

Madame Quijada received him with much cordiality, Dolores gave him the tips of her fingers, and Lornerac accorded him a condescending nod.

Madame Quijada introduced him to the silent lady, whom she described as her niece, Mdlle. Marcet. "Louise is more than my niece, she is my adopted daughter," she said; "her father and I were brought up together on a small estate in the neighbourhood of Marseilles, and my niece here was born within sight of the Mediterranean. Do you see any likeness between my daughter and her cousin, monsieur?"

"Yes, there is a likeness," answered Florestan, "I can trace it in the form of the brow and in the expression of the eyes."

He waited, looking at Mademoiselle Marcet with a friendly smile, expecting her to speak, and then, keenly anxious to hear her voice, he asked her an unmeaning question.

"Are you fond of Paris, mademoiselle, or do you still regret the olive woods and pine-clads hills of Provence?"

"I have never left off regretting them," she answered, in a subdued voice, that struck him as full of a vague pathos, as if sorrow had changed all the major tones to minor, "and yet it is so long since I saw them that they seem almost like the memory of a dream."

"And you have never been tempted to revisit the South?"

"No, Monsieur."

"My poor Louise does not travel," interjected Madame Quijada; "she suffered nine years back from a severe illness which shattered her nervous system. She has been obliged to lead a very tranquil life since then. She is our household fairy, the angel of the hearth, an admirable housewife, but she cares very little for the outer world. Except for her morning walk, before we lazy people are up, or to hear an opera now and then, she very rarely leaves home."

"You are fond of the opera, Mademoiselle?" asked Florestan.

"Yes, I love good music wherever it is to be heard, but the opera most of all. It is another world. I forget everything while I am there."

Her face grew faintly animated as she spoke. The light was not a vivid light, but it was at least an awakening from the dull apathy he had noticed before.

"I should like to send you a box for the opera some night, if you will allow me," he said. "I know some great ladies who are occasionally generous to me, when they don't care about occupying their boxes. May I seize the first opportunity and send you one?"

"I shall be very grateful to you."

He was studying her face while he talked to her. The features were delicate and refined, the eyes were still beautiful; but sorrow had ploughed deep lines about them, and had set its mark upon the broad white brow. Marred as it was by past suffering, he liked her face better than her cousin's. The idea of a great sorrow suffered in the morning of life, and leaving its indelible mark upon the sufferer, impressed him strongly.

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He was floating about among his great ladies in one of the most brilliant salons of Republican Paris on the following evening, but he did not ask any of these luminaries for her box at the opera, preferring to go to the box-office and pay for one.

He sent the box ticket to Madame Quijada, expressing the hope that she and her daughter and niece would attend the next representation of Gounod's "Faust," which was fixed for the following night.

Madame Quijada was in the place of honour in the box, looking dignified and distinguished in her Spanish mantilla, fastened with diamond stars; and beside her, simply dressed in a black gown and a Marie-Antoinette fichu, sat Louise Marcet, attentive and absorbed, evidently drinking in every note of the overture.

He had scarcely time to wonder at Mdlle. Quijada's absence when someone in the next row said, "How do you do, Florestan?" and he was startled at finding his River Lawn neighbours seated exactly in front of him.

He murmured a few words of congratulation to Ambrose Arden, whom he had always regarded as a scholarly and inoffensive person, a mere nonentity outside his library. He wondered much that such a man could have won the heart of such a woman as Clara Hatrell.

He asked if they had just come from Lamford, and was told of their Italian winter.

"We are going back to River Lawn almost immediately," said Clara, "I am longing to be amongst my household gods."

"Even Venice could not make mother false to River Lawn," said Daisy.

A few moments later Florestan was in Madame Quijada's box, when the conversation came round to Florestan's friends in the stalls.

"Is she a great lady in England, a lady of title?" asked Madame Quijada, curiously.

"No, she is the wife of a commoner. She and her husband are well off and of good family, but they are not great people."

"What is the lady's name?"

"Arden. Her daughter is Miss Hatrell."

"Hatrell!"

Louise Marcet repeated the name almost in a whisper. There was something in her tone that startled Florestan, and he was still more surprised on looking at her to find her ashy pale. Her aunt saw the change in her face, and rose quickly and supported her to the back of the box, where she moistened her temples with eau-de-Cologne.

"The poor child will be better soon," she said to Florestan, "she has been subject to these wretched swooning fits ever since her illness. Come now, Louise, you are better now, are you not?"

"Yes, I am quite well now. It was nothing. It was the light, perhaps. It gave me a kind of vertigo. And I was so interested in looking at Mrs Hatrell," she said, pronouncing the name with an accent which somewhat disguised it. "Tell me about her," she went on, turning to Florestan; "she is your friend, you say."

"Yes, she is my friend."

"And she has married for the second time, lately?"

"Quite lately, as late as last September."

"And she is happy?"

"I suppose so. She has gone through a deal of trouble, but I conclude that now she has a new husband she has forgotten that old sorrow. Her first husband's death was a tragical one. He was murdered in London, seven or eight years ago, by an unknown hand."

"And has his murderer never been found?" asked Madame Quijada, with reviving interest.

"Never. I suppose never will be."

"You remember him! You knew him well?"

"Fairly well, and liked him much. He was as frank and open as the day—a man without guile."

"I do not like that other man," said Louise, still looking down at the stalls.

"Which man?"

"The second husband."

"Why not! How can you like or dislike at a glance?"

"I always do. I liked and trusted you at the first glance; I distrust *him*."

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